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Ottawa, Week by Week

(By M. L. SCHWARTZ)

TESTIMONY AT PROBE

Since the start of 1948 the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has been re-engaging staff, chiefly investigators, to strengthen its field organization, it has been disclosed at the Special Committee on Prices in the House of Commons. As at the end of 1947, the board had a staff of about 1,160, the testimony has shown, and about two-thirds of this number are assigned to rent control work and are spread through about 40 local offices, with the remainder being either at head office or in the five regional offices still remaining open. However, parallelling its reduction in functions, the Board has progressively reduced its organization and staff, since at the peak of activities it had a staff of 5,700 with offices located in about 130 cities and towns.

NO FLOODING OF MARKETS

The complaint has been made in the House of Commons that there has generally been a flooding of Canadian markets with imported produce just about the time domestic produce is coming in, but a spokesman for the Government has stated now that the situation is such at the moment that virtually all, or at least a great majority of fresh fruits and vegetables from outside are completely prohibited, save, of course, those allowed in quotas, such as potatoes, cabbages, onions and carrots, these quotas being allowed when adequate supplies of the last mentioned are necessary. "I think it can be taken for granted that permits for the importation of cabbages, potatoes, carrots and onions will not be issued in such a way as to hurt domestic producers of those vegetables," the spokesman for the Government, asserting that there will be no flooding of the market at the time domestic producers are ready to supply same.

PRIORITY TO VETERANS

With respect to legislation pertaining to pensions and student veterans' loans allowances and thing increased, affecting about 400,000 Canadians, it is understood that legislation on this would have to pass through Parliament, but already Gordon Graydon, Progressive - Conservative M.P., has proposed in the House that such legislation should be given priority. "We give priority to veterans generally, and I think we should give priority to this legislation," he said.

NO ADVANTAGE OF PROHIBITIONS

Of intense interest to business, large and small, across Canada is the simple statement in the House of Commons by Rt. Hon. C. D' Howe about the principle involved in efforts to take advantage of the temporary restrictions created by the Government during the present so-called "austerity" program.

"The principle is simply this," declared Mr. Howe. "If an industry wishes to establish itself in Canada, if it is one which in normal times would be able to operate profitably; if it is an industry which will assist in building up exports or in conserving United States dollars, it will be welcomed. But if it is an industry being built up simply to take advantage of the temporary prohibitions it will not be welcomed."

ILLNESS OF MEMBERS

Lately, there has been considerable illness among members of the House of Commons in the past several weeks, though the session is comparatively young. M. J. Coldwell, leader of the C.C.F., was away due to a severe cold; A. L. Smith, P.C., Calgary West, was delayed in arriving for the session because of a medical check-up; Douglas Mansey, P.C., Toronto-Greenwood, is understood to be delayed on account of illness; Wm. Bryce, C.C.F., Selkirk, was delayed in arriving due to illness earlier; Gleason Belisle, Rimouski, Parliamentary Assistant for Finance, had been forced to arrive late after an extended illness.

DISQUIET OVER REPORT

In unofficial circles along Parliament Hill there have been whispers lately about a possible further increase in the current rental ceilings on houses or apartments in Canada, and this has raised the question in the minds of observers if it will contribute to increase the cost-of-living still more at a time when the "little people" in this country cannot be really concerned about higher costs of everyday needs. Of course, there is no doubt that the present controls will be continued for at least another year, but a further boost in the ceilings is talked about now as a distinct possibility, though it is known that relatively few landlords took advantage of the relaxation allowed in a 10% increase on the ceilings, outside of current leases about a year ago.

IMMIGRATION CENTRES

The Government has reported that Canada will now open its doors to continent five immigration centres, at which there are regular immigration officers, and nine where immigration officers are stationed, also by officers of the Department of External Affairs attached to Canadian missions, with the centres being at Paris, Brussels, The Hague, Rome, and Heidelberg, Germany, which is the headquarters for the Canadian mission directing the work of teams selecting and examining displaced persons in Germany and Austria.

WHEAT DELIVERIES

A recent estimate here indicates probable deliveries of 270,278,909 bushels of wheat to the Canadian Wheat Board during the current crop year.

POSTAL SERVICE

In answer to a question in Parliament, Postmaster General Bertrand has revealed that "consideration is being given constantly to improvements in the postal service" when asked if consideration is being given to sending all first-class mail between distant points in Canada by air mail, though the Minister indicated that as regards carrying all first-class mail by air "no definite answer has been arrived at."

SAID IN THE CAPITAL

"We want to get the facts," emphasized Hon. Paul Martin, chairman of the Prices Committee of the House of Commons, conducting a probe into recent price boosts.

"I'm not a Communist," remarked Kenneth Taylor, Chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, testifying before the Prices Committee of the House of Commons. "It is not confined to any country, or to any group or class of countries. It is a worldwide phenomenon."

"The Federal Government has never recalled any municipal affairs," declared Hon. Alphonse Fournier, Minister of Public Works, addressing a meeting of mayors here.

"It is possible that the recent drop in United States commodity prices means a turn in the inflationary spiral, but it is too early to be sure of it," said Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada.

"Europe is no longer the centre of the universe," said Canada, and the United States holding that position," stated the famous radio singer, Donald Dame, while on a visit here, pointing out that there are almost four times as many concerts and recitals given now in Canada and U.S. that were given in the rest of the world.

Getting Run-Down

When a person is physically or mentally fagged, the system is wide open to infection. Nothing lowers resistance to disease more than Fatigue.

Fatigue may result from lack of sleep, over-exertion, excess of any kind including too much sports, and from long hours of work, or of study. The doctors warn, "Don't tire yourself down to the point at which the germs can get at you."

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SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT

Due to there being no coal available at the church annex, the shower in honor of Miss Frances Tabor was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hubbard on Saturday afternoon, February 21st.

Blocked roads prevented many of the hostesses and other ladies from attending; however, twenty - eight ladies were present.

Mrs. Hubbard made the presentation address, and the gifts were brought in by Miss Patsy Tabor and Miss Betty Fulton. These included a pair of heavy woollen blankets (gift of the thirty-four hostesses), and the usual miscellaneous offerings, which were shown to the assembled guests.

Miss Frances Tabor, who is to leave for the coast to be married, thanked the gathering for their kindness in a short reply, after which tea was served.—Cor.

POLICE ACT TO CHECK GLARING HEADLIGHTS

In a fresh effort to reduce the number of highway accidents, the R.C.M.P. has initiated a close check on glaring headlights, according to information received by officials of the Alberta Motor Association.

The police have completed a survey of the causes of accidents on highways and found that the majority have been caused by glaring lights, or at least they have been a contributing factor in a great percentage of cases involving loss of life or physical injury and property damage.

The police have decided to enforce regulations dealing with glaring headlights.

The Motor and Highways Traffic Act provides that "On approaching or being approached by another vehicle proceeding in the opposite direction, and when within not less than 200 yards of it, any person in charge of a motor vehicle whether moving or stationary which is equipped with electric headlamps shall dim or drop such headlamps."

SAYS CANADA CAN DOUBLE POPULATION

Toronto, Feb. 20—If Canadians "all get busy and boom" the Dominion can double her population of some 12,000,000 in 15 years, Agriculture Minister Gardiner said yesterday.

In an address to the Empire Club of Toronto, Mr. Gardiner said that natural increase would account for some 7,500,000 and "the other 7,500,000 would come to us."

He spoke of agriculture and water development in Western Canada and said: "$150,000,000 spent upon the storage and utilization of water in Western Canada, and equal amount spent in harness and utilize water in other parts of Canada will make it possible for us to spread industry across this country to provide a market for Canadian-produced food which would greatly increase the farm population and so improve the living conditions upon farms as to induce Canadians to stay, and others to come."

F.I.L.A. Makes 495 Building Loans In Alberta In 1947

Alberta farmers borrowed $4396,276 through 495 loans under the provisions of The Farm Improvement Loans Act during 1947 for the purchase of construction or repairs to farm buildings.

The Alberta branches of the chartered banks made the loans under a partial Government guarantee against loss, which is a provision of the Act.

Financing for the construction of a new farm home or utility building or the carrying out of repairs, alterations and additions to existing buildings was 39.61% greater in Alberta during 1947 than in the previous year.

In 1946, 414 loans were made to an amount of $312,492.79 under the section of F.I.L.A., which provides for this phase of farm improvements.

Alberta led all other western provinces for 1947, with the amount followed by its farmers for this purpose.

Save the Children

Thousands of children in the world are hungry, cold and sick. Are they the kind of citizens we will want in the world of tomorrow? Help the Canadian Appeal for Children bring strength and health to these future world citizens.

About 70 per cent of the linseed oil produced in Canada goes into the manufacture of paints and varnishes. The residue of the flaxseed is used for the production of oil-cake and oil-cake meal.

Soil Drifting Control ---An All Year Job

Lethbridge Experimental Station Weekly Letter.

Last week's letter emphasized the necessity of stopping winter soil drifting and explained how the ordinary one-way disc can be used to do a good job of listing. Field operations seem out of place in the winter and many farmers will say "Who ever heard of listing a field in winter?" But soil drifting starts in the winter the soil is first thawed and then dried by chinook winds. If a field starts to drift it can be listed. For several years the occasional field on the Experimental Station has been listed at the first sign of drifting.

The danger of soil drifting will always be present in southern Alberta. This is clearly shown by observations made in the Palliser Triangle since Alberta. During the years 1936 to 1939 medium or severe drifting occurred on these stations an average of once per year; from 1940 to 44 practically no drifting took place; for the years 1945 and 46 the drifting was at the rate of station per year; and in the year 1947 soil drifting was negligible.

Three principle factors influencing the amount of soil drifting, weather conditions and improved cultural practices. Nothing can be done about weather conditions but improved cultural practices are possible.

Soil drifting occurs on summer-fallows. It is not possible to make definite recommendations for fallowing since each field on a single farm requires a different procedure. However, the aim should be the same; when fallowing is completed in the fall the field should be protected from soil drifting by an adequate trash cover or a lumpy soil condition. Strip farming has aided greatly in the control of soil drifting and will continue to be practiced.

In the meantime, it is important to stop that soil that is drifting now.

Citrus Fruits Drop In Price Under Board Order

Toronto, Feb. 20—California oranges dropped between 60 cents and $1 a box in wholesale trade today, following the prices board announcement of a profit ceiling on imported citrus fruits, while grapefruit sold more than 50 cents a crate lower and lemons 20-70 cents.

With the 17-per-cent mark-up control in effect today, wholesale markets quoted California navel oranges at $4.30 to $7 a crate; common grade, $3.50 to $5 yesterday; grapefruit at $3 compared with $3.50-$4.50, and Mexican limes at $5.50 compared with $5.50-$6.00.

There were no oranges, limes and tangerines, the other fruits affected by the order.

TIME LOST BY STRIKES

Due to the strike of 9,000 coal miners in Alberta and British Columbia, which commenced on January 13th, time loss due to strikes in Canada during January recorded a substantial increase over the previous month. It was shown by the monthly strike and lockout summary issued today by the Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour.

Preliminary figures for January, 1948, show 19 strikes and lockouts in existance during the month involving 12,595 workers, with a time loss of 135,780 man-working days, as compared with 15 strikes in December, 1947, with 3,189 workers involved and a time loss of 19,097 days. In January, 1947, there were 25 strikes involving 3,803 workers, with a time loss of 28,519 days.

The strike of the coal miners in Alberta and B.C. in January was accounted for a loss of 117,000 man-working days, or more than 86% of the total time loss for the month. During the month under review, the time loss per 1,000 available work days was 3.75, as compared with 0.57 in December, 1947, and 0.38 in January, 1947.

Of the 19 strikes which were in existence for varying periods during the month, 7 had begun previous to January 1st. Of these 7 strikes, 5 were terminated by the end of the month, and of the 12 strikes which began during January, 7 had been ended by February 1st. Thus, there were 7 strikes still in existence at the beginning of February.

Australia's wheat crop has been officially estimated at 226 million bushels, the largest ever produced by that commonwealth. The quality, however, is low.

If we're in a dying world it's because we set a dying pace (except when our own desires are concerned).

SEEDTIME and HARVEST

By DR. F. J. GREANEY, Director, Line Elevator Farm Service, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

On the Life-Span of Cereal Seeds

How long do seeds live? That depends, of course, upon the kind of plant, the general health of the seed, and the conditions of storage. Seeds of Wild Rice live for a few days only, while Indian Lotus seeds have been known to germinate after being stored for 150 years.

And what about cereal seeds? Many accurate records of life-span or longevity of cereal seeds are available. These show that in ordinary storage, especially in drier climates, the life-span of many cereal seeds exceeds 15 years. Percival, the great English botanist, found that wheat stored in bottles after artificial drying gave 16 per cent germination after 25 years of storage. This is the greatest authentic life-span known for wheat.

In 1945, Line Elevator Farm Service obtained from a farmer in Saskatchewan samples of wheat which were produced in the years 1928 to 1937. These had been stored in an unheated building. We made a number of germination tests of the seed and obtained the following results.

Age of Seed in Years	Average Percentage Germination
8	97
9	89
10	52
11	79
12	74
13	75
14	64
15	74
16	39
17	12

The low germination of the ten-year-old seed (Seed from the 1935 crop) is due to the fact that it was very badly shrivelled by stem rust. As many farmers will recall, 1935 was a very bad year in Western Canada.

The above results are in harmony with the common belief that under cool, dry conditions of storage cereal seeds retain a fairly high germination capacity for at least ten years.

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THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. G. L. Strange
Director, Research Department, Searle Grain Co., Ltd.

PROSPEROUS U.S.A. FARMERS

I have just visited a Farm Convention in North Dakota. Twelve hundred farmers were present. I talked to many of them. On all sides I heard that North Dakota farmers never have been so prosperous as they are today. They have rehabilitated their homes and farms, purchased the latest and most up-to-date labor saving machinery, have taken some long overdue vacations, and can afford some luxuries for their wives and children. They have paid off their debts and mortgages, and most of them, I was informed, in addition have money reserves set by in the bank to tide them over difficult times, should they come.

What has caused all this prosperity? I discovered that it is all due to the extra $1.00 or so a bushel for wheat and the much higher prices for coarse grains, flax and livestock that North Dakota farmers have enjoyed during the past five years more than our prairie-farmers have received for their products. One farmer said to me, "Nobody knows how your outlook on things changes when you have paid off your debts and have a little money in the bank." It is a pity, I thought, that our prairie farmers are not all in the same good prosperous condition.

"Time Bombs"

If you're not satisfied with the world, are you satisfied with what you are doing about it?

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Self-control in men is the basis for self-government in nations.

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Empty stomachs open minds to unpalatable ideas.

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Men who grip situations don't gripe about them.

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Our problems only grow when we don't.

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A heavy heart leads to a heavy hand.

National Health

WHEN NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK was observed in February, an official of the Health League of Canada suggested that "every week should be a Health Week and that every Canadian should be healthy." The great importance of good health, both to the individual and to the nation cannot be overestimated. Illness is costly to the individual both in personal inconvenience and in money; while a nation with poor standards of health suffers as well from increased expenses in maintaining hospitals and medical services, and in loss in production due to illness among workers. Money spent on health education and on preventative medicine is likely in the long run to prove to be an economy, both in increasing the efficiency of labor and in reducing human suffering.

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Great Enemies Of Mankind

Ignorance, apathy and neglect in matters of health are among the greatest enemies of mankind. Medical science has provided us with the means of preventing many serious diseases, yet there are still some communities where, either through lack of interest, or the lack of proper medical facilities, the health of the people is not protected as it should be. Immunization of children against preventable diseases, the pasteurization of all milk to be sold for human consumption, regular physical examinations and sanitary living and working conditions are all measures which are known to raise standards of health and should be available to everyone. Continued attention to health education and steady expansion of medical services would be needed to bring these benefits to all the people and there is no reason why, in Canada, we should not make continued progress in this matter.

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Rural Health Service Asked

At the twelfth annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, held at Brockville, Ont., the question of rural health service was discussed and a resolution was passed requesting that the government set up a national health service which will provide benefits for those living in rural communities as good as those now provided in the cities. It was also suggested that departments of "rural medicine" should be set up in the medical faculties of Canadian universities to train young doctors to work in country districts. In medicine, as in other matters, those who live in rural communities should not be deprived of the benefits they would enjoy if they lived in a city. For some time there has been dissatisfaction with rural medical services in many parts of the country, and it is to be hoped that the demands of the members of the C.F.A., will receive attention. Canada is a growing nation, and it should be realized that high standards of health are important, in building for the future.

New-Type Wheat Ready For Growers

OTTAWA.—Canada's wheat scientists, in experiments produced rawfly-resistant Rescue and rugged Regent and Renown strains for the prairie farmer, came up with a new spring wheat called Cascade, especially developed for growing in eastern Canada.

The agricultural department announced that the new strain, developed by the cereal division of the central experimental farm at Ottawa, now is available to farmers. Limited quantities of seed are being offered for next spring's seeding.

Like Rescue which beat the prairie sawfly and rust-resistant Renown, Cascade was developed to serve a special purpose—this time to meet the frequent shortage of soft white wheat for the cake and pastry trade. It has been in the development stage since 1938.

Cascade is a white, semi-hard beardless wheat and resulted from a number of crosses of low-protein yet rust-resistant types. Under exacting tests during the last few years it has proved to be of excellent yielding ability.

NEW SHINGLE DEVELOPED FROM WHITE FIR TIMBER

SEATTLE.—Washington's billions of feet of white fir timber, like hemlock, one-time "unwanted stepchild" of the lumber industry, may find wide use.

The forest products laboratory at the University of Washington has made white fir shingles with properties similar to those of red cedar, Fred Brer L. Grondal announced.

After two years' experiments a method of treating the new shingle with an effective derivative, in combination with other chemicals makes it highly weather-resistant, he said.

VANCOUVER-BORN AIRMAN PROMOTED

LONDON.—Vancouver-born Air Commodore P. C. Livingston, a leading expert on night vision, has been promoted to the rank of air vice-marshal, the London Gazette announced in 1935, he invented the rotating hexagon for testing the sight of night fighter pilots.

How COLDS affect Your KIDNEYS

The kidneys are very delicate organs, easily affected—especially by a cold. Their duty is to filter impurities and excess acids from the blood. When you have a cold entire work is thrown upon your kidneys. Doddi's Kidney Pills help your kidneys clear your system of excess acids and poisons caused by colds, and give you a chance to shake infection sooner—feel better faster. If you have a cold get and use Doddi's Kidney Pills.

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Her Hero (timidly): "Well, please don't play until I get outside."

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Dimchurch: "What do hear you have gone back to your wife?"

Bunkwit: "Yes, the dear girl! didn't realize how much she meant to me until the judge set the alimony."

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The Higgintwiddles had just moved to the country from the big city in the same state. Mr. H. wanted to vote in the coming election, so one day he stopped the Town Clerk and asked him: "How much must a person reside in this town before he can vote?"

"What ticket?" asked the clerk.

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"Poor old Bill, he's workin' hisself to death."

"How's that?"

"Well, he's that short-sighted he can't see when the boss ain't lookin'."

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Movie Star: "I've decided to demand a new trial."

Interviewer: "But why? You won the case."

Movie Star: "I know, but I'm not satisfied with the publicity."

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Into a club walked a member wearing an unaccustomed tan on his cheeks. It attracted general attention.

"Hullo, old chap," he was asked, "have you been yachting, or on the moors?"

"No, I took my holiday at home. Our side faces south."

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An American died and went to Heaven, and promptly boasted about his native land.

"Do you know," he told a group of spirits, "that at Niagara Falls eight billion cubic feet of water pass over the brink every second?"

"Pooh!" said Noah, scornfully. "Dewdrops!"

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"I want something really nice for a present," explained the shopper to the assistant.

"For your husband, madam?" asked the man behind the counter.

"No, from my husband," came the reply, sweetly.

Jet Plane Misses Altitude Record

LONDON.—The British De Havilland Aircraft Company disclosed that its chief test pilot had taken a jet-propelled De Havilland fighter to an altitude of 56,000 feet—more than 10 miles and within 17 feet of the official world altitude record.

The pilot, John Cunningham, climbed the plane to 56,000 feet in 25 minutes in the course of a routine test flight.

Except for its special engine, the plane was identical to Vampires in service with the Royal Air Force and in Canada, Sweden and Switzerland.

The world altitude record of 56,017 feet was established by Italy 10 years ago with a specially-designed plane.

BIRD CALLS INITIATED BY STREET SWEEPER

LONDON. — The Northstead district's early cuckoo has turned out to be Hezekiah Johnson.

After several delighted bird lovers reported hearing a cuckoo's call as early as January, Johnson, a street sweeper, confessed to a reporter:

"I wait until a crowd gathers at the Northstead bus stop and then I go in the park and do the cuckoo. They all take it in. I used to do the nightingale when I had my teeth in."

Montreal—was set at 1,320,726 in a report to the Montreal Metropolitan Commission by Ephrem Brisbois, secretary-treasurer, 2765

Scene Of Macdonald's Brier Tankard Event

CALGARY. — True Scotsmen will shudder at—at the thought, but the 1948 Canadian curling championship is going western. In fact the well-dressed curler soon may be wearing ten-gallon stetson and chaps instead of the traditional Tam-O-Shanter and kilts.

For this Foothills city, home of the world-famous Calgary Stampede and host for the annual winter classic, plans to add a touch of the Old West to the ancient Scottish pastime.

"We are going to have a few surprises for visiting curlers of a decided western flavor," A. E. Wilson, president of the Alberta branch, Royal Caledonian curling club of Scotland, said. The branch is in charge of arrangements for the championship event which will find rinks representing each of the nine provinces competing in a round-robin series for the Dominion title.

"We are not going to reveal our full plans, but the programme this year will be something vastly different from anything attempted before," Mr. Wilson said with a chuckle.

One of the keynotes of the tournament is a display of real "western hospitality" for visiting rinks and officials starting with a civic reception and parade when the majority of the rinks arrive here. Civic officials and Alberta government heads taking part in the welcoming ceremonies.

Despite the emphasis on a western spiel, traditional Scottish ceremonies observed during the last 18 years of the competition will not be forgotten and fifty pipers scheduled to lead four parades honoring the curlers.

Pipeline From Edmonton To Regina Considered

EDMONTON. — H. H. Hewston, president of Imperial Oil Limited, announced his company was considering construction in the near future of a 500,000,000 pipeline to carry crude oil 509 miles southeast from Edmonton to prairie refining centres at Regina and Moose Jaw.

He said company plans for 1948 and 1949 would save Canada at least $40,000,000 in United States currency.

His announcements included a $20,000,000 exploration and development well drilling programme for the Leduc-Camsar sector of the Edmonton oil field in 1948 and immediate start on erection of a gas gathering system and a $1,500,000 gas absorption plant for the field. Imperial will drill 350 development wells in the field by the end of the year.

Alaska Route Available to U.S.

OTTAWA.— Any time the United States runs into an emergency, she needn't worry about having full neighborly use of the strategic Alaska Highway thrusting through Canada.

That's the way informed quarters here view the route's military future in the light of a resolution introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, calling for assurance the U.S. will have military use of the road.

While there was no comment from Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Minister of External Affairs, considerable surprise was in evidence here at the congress move by Representative Charles Kersten, Wisconsin Republican.

Several angles contribute to this eyebrow-lifting.

The No. 1 consideration, perhaps, is that Canada is at peace. And while she has a policy of defence co-ordination with the U.S., it is not felt here that this should go to the extent of giving U.S. Armed Forces running rights over Canadian territory.

It is pointed out that, while the U.S. built the Canadian section of the 1,500-mile highway, it reverted by agreement to Canadian control when the wartime use was over. The U.S. State Department, from all accounts, still is satisfied with that arrangement.

Jealous of Canadian sovereignty, Parliament would be expected to raise cain over any proposal to permit the U.S. military to move in volume over Canadian territory. It need have no fear of having full access to the vital highway if she got into a spot where she really needed it. And without delay.

TINY TRACTOR CLAIMED BOON TO FARMERS

NEW YORK. — A new lightweight six-horsepower tractor which its producer said "would emancipate the small farmer" was given its premiere showing here.

Joseph W. Frazer, president of Frazer Farm Equipment Corp., told distributors and dealers that "a farmer using this machine with its rotary tiller attachment can prepare more ground for planting in less time than if he used an old-fashioned high horsepower tractor pulling two 12-inch plows."

Smaller than a midget automobile, the device is labeled the "model T. Jacques-Frazer tractor."

Frazer said the air-cooled, aircraft type engine was the smallest ever to power a tractor in this country. It will run one to three hours on a gallon of gasoline, he said, or after a warm-up can be switched to burn kerosene.

Shipbuilding was considered such an important occupation in the United States in 1639, that shipbuilders were exempted from military service and other public duties.

No Australian Butter For Canada

OTTAWA. — The government has dropped the idea of obtaining butter for Canada this year from New Zealand or Australia, Trade Minister Howe told Commons.

Mr. Howe confirmed reports that Canada had sounded out the Antipodean governments on the possibility of augmenting the Dominion's stocks, but said the proposal had been abandoned when it was found the United Kingdom had heavy requirements in that area.

Ontario Farmers To Try Out New Idea

According to the Fort William Times-Journal some 300 farmers in Southwestern Ontario are taking a course of action that may be the forerunner of a radical change in the raising of turkeys for the market. They have decided to raise the birds at their own convenience (that is to say, the farmers' convenience).

Heretofore turkey breeders have tried to time their hatching so that the birds would reach their full growth and develop the desired plumpness at the height of public demand for turkeys at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now this group in lower Ontario will forgot all that. Farmers will feed their birds at the time of the year when foodstuff is cheapest, and kill whenever they have reached their prime. They will then place them in deep freezers, from which they can be marketed at will.

Should this practice become general, Canadians might be assured of a steadier supply and cheaper meat.

TOURIST ATTRACTION

Suggests Mounties For Border Points

VANCOUVER.—American tourists are pouring into Canada in greater numbers than ever before, despite adverse publicity in the U.S. and Canadian "austerity" plan.

R. H. Baker, secretary-manager, Greater Vancouver Tourist Association, reported that tourist traffic through border points adjacent to Vancouver had increased 49 per cent. during January.

Mr. Baker also suggested that "mounties" be posted on duty at the main border crossing points. He pointed out that presence of the red coated officers would be a "major tourist attraction."

A warning to auto camp operators in B.C. was given by E. G. Rowebottom, deputy minister of trade and industry, who said that camps not conforming to standards set by the B.C. governmnent travel bureau will be closed.

He Knows Horses

Most horses, unless badly frightened, will try to avoid injuring a human. The writer well remembers, when a kid, falling in a laneway in front of several galloping horses. Every last one jumped clear over, so as not to hurt the boy.

There is one good rule to follow when handling a horse given to kicking. Get as close to him, or her, as quickly as possible. A horse is not apt to do much damage if one is pressed against its flank. Beware standing back so as to catch the full force of the kick.

Also always speak to the animal before approaching it. The horse's hoof is its principal defence. If startled, it may use it.—Windsor Star.

SMALL ENOUGH TO ENTER THE KITCHEN—Lyle Reaser, Illinois farmer, is shown with his Hereford steer which, although he will be two years old in May, is only as tall as the yardstick Lyle holds. "Shorty" would be an obvious name for the stubby fellow, but—guess again—he's known as "Toby". Small as he is, Toby has come a long ways from his baby days when, at 21 inches in height, he could walk under any cow on the farm and practically had to stand on tiptoes to reach his dinner. Now at nearly 200 pounds the rebellious-natured "Toby" is treated as a pet and has the run of the Reaser farm. Owner Reaser to date is uncertain of his future plans for "Toby".

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MOVIE STAFF TAKE WAGE CUT

HOLLYWOOD. — Producer Samuel Goldwyn announced that his studio's entire executive staff has agreed to a 50 per cent. pay cut. The wage slash does not affect those in the lower brackets.

The cut reflects a sharp income drop in the movie industry, particularly in overseas revenues. Britain last year sharply cut her import quota of Hollywood productions and other countries have taken similar dollar-saving measures.

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BATTLESHIP TIRPITZ

How The Pride Of Germany's Navy Met Its Doom By Midget "Subs"

LONDON. — Captured British sailors glanced anxiously at their watches while being given hot coffee and schnapps on board the 42,000-ton battleship Tirpitz, pride of the German Navy, in a Norwegian fjord on a September morning in 1943.

They knew, and the Germans did not, that before being picked up after scuttling their midget submarine they had accomplished their mission — to drop powerful charges beneath the keel of the Tirpitz.

Tirpitz Blasted

Soon afterwards, great explosions heaved the giant battleship five or six feet out of the water. She settled down again so severely damaged that she could not be moved from her berth for six or seven months, during which hundreds of Germans worked feverishly to repair her.

The submarine on surfacing had found itself almost touching the hull of the Tirpitz. It was sighted, so the commanding officer and his three comrades scuttled their vessel before being taken on board the Tirpitz.

The story is told in three war dispatches to the British Admiralty, published for the first time.

Two of six top secret British midget submarines which left Scotland are known to have penetrated the Tirpitz defences and to have laid their charges. One of them, known as X-6, although the use of compass or periscope, charged blindly at its target, manoeuvred alongside and released the charges. Its commander then destroyed secret equipment, scuttled his submarine and he and his crew were picked up before the explosions took place.

Second Attacks

The second X-7, attacked while its exhaust pipe was patched up with tape, compass and chronometer and all its compass out of order. It struck the Tirpitz under water, slid gently under her keel and laid its charges.

Then attempting to escape, X-7 found itself caught in anti-submarine defence nets.

Its lack of compass left it without clue to position. Its oxygen supply was running out and the charges it had dropped were due to explode within an hour.

When eventually it escaped it immediately encountered another net and while Tirpitz' guns were thundering explosions and X-7 was damaged. It surfaced and two of its crew escaped. Two others went down with it.

Complete Surprise

The British attack achieved complete surprise and seems to have caused a high degree among the Germans. The Tirpitz was put out of the war for more than six months and then she crept from her building place only to be further battered by overwhelming air attack by British planes.

The dispatches give no details of the midget submarines, but Jane's Fighting Ships lists 12 similar vessels in service at the end of the war, each 53 feet long, with a displacement of 30 to 34 tons and a crew of three.

World's Rarest Stamp Stolen From Owner

LOS ANGELES — The world's rarest stamp, a one-cent British Guiana print issued in 1856 and valued at $225,000, was stolen from Perlstein, jewelry and coin importer.

His day is divided into eight-hour watches. No night into four-hour watches. Dog watches are spent tending the lamp, checking equipment, renewing wiring in the case of electric beacons or trimming wicks and "topping up" where oil is used.

There's a perpetual round of cleaning. Every metal part must be kept shining, every pane of the lantern free from encrusting sea salt. Stairways and playforms must be scrubbed and fresh water pumped from tanks which are sunk below the floor of the lowest room.

From sunset to dawn, the beam must not fail to warning and while on duty—especially during the current storm period the keeper has little time to reflect on his lonely calling.

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TWO CLEANERS

There's a moral or something in the one about the fellow who wasn't much with the broom around the home, but went away to a big curling event and after four days wired his wife that he had "cleaned the bonspiel!" As she wired back: "So what! I've cleaned the basement!"

AN OLD EXPRESSION

The expression "Minding your Ps and Qs" comes from an old English alehouse custom. In the pubs, books were kept on each customer. P stood for pints and Q for quarts.

Eleven hundred Methodist ministers in England have barred the word "obey" in marriage ceremonies.

Fashion Reviews Mother's Old-Time Pantelettes

Canadian women will like this kind of outfit because of its gracefully flared skirt, cosy waist and hip lines, deep sleeves. Turning your eyes to the right you see a fashion revival in mother's old-time pantelettes. The model is wearing "Talking Points" of navy blue and white polka-dotted silk. She wears the pants with a circle-flared bolero suit of grey wool and a bead-scarf skirted bolero suit of matching polka-dotted silk.

PROVED TOO MUCH FOR GUNMAN — A kick, assorted scratches and finally a well-aimed left hook by Beverley Sinclman, 23-year-old co-ed, proved too much for a Montreal gunman who tried to force his way into her apartment. The man fled.

Lighthouse Men Who Keep The Beacons Flashing

Job on Britain's Coastline Not Enviable One

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Through sun, storm, wind and spray, they spend eight months out of the 12 keeping the warning beacons flashing from their austere seven-roomed towers.

Plight of lighthouse men eight miles off Lands' End, who were isolated by raging gales for 36 days before food and supplies could be dropped to them temporarily put the British lighthouse keeper in the spotlight.

In the tradition of Vancouver's "Mr. Good Evening" who sent greetings to lighthouses in a nightly newscast for 18 years, the BBC dedicated a special program to lighthouse men.

Around Britain's coast are some "true" lights controlled by Trinity House Headquarters, Port of London authority. Each keeper has his own particular type of solitude.

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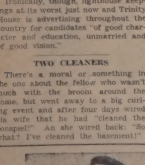


INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IMPROVE ON SKIS—Returning from a ski party near Huntsville, Ont., 32 nurses from 16 different countries were stranded when their bus broke down. Four of the nurses in the international group from Toronto, which were among the skiers, are, from left: Carin Louisa Lindquist, Sweden; Adriana Laura Gamboa, Chile; Maria Louisa Gomes Moniz Pereira, Portugal; Gwenneth Mavis Renfree, Australia.

Question Of Tunnel Linking England-France Comes Up Again

The question of a tunnel linking England and France has come to the fore again by the formation of a group of M.P.'s who are to prepare a report on facts revealed by a committee which, in 1930, investigated the possibilities. The group will try to interest Parliament and hope to rouse similar interest in France.

The idea of a Channel Tunnel, to begin near the Shakespeare Cliff at Dover and emerge near Calais, is over a century old. But it was not until 1876 that agreement was reached between the two countries.

Companies were formed in England and France, and it was decided to construct two parallel tunnels, each to carry electric trains. An experimental tunnel, 2,000 yards long, was bored from each side, with the intention that the engineers from France and England should meet in mid-Channel. Powerful and persistent as was civilian opinion in its favor, the work extended no farther, being arrested on the score of national safety. It was work on the Channel Tunnel that revealed the great Kentish coalfield, of whom existence no one had dreamed.

The war of 1914-18, with its danger to the Channel ports, and the second world war, with its actual capture of those ports by England's enemies, increased the fears of those who opposed the Tunnel. Now interest in the scheme is being revived.

This scheme to link England with the continental mainland is rather less one more sensational idea — none other than that of linking Europe and Africa by means of a Spanish scheme, which proposed the excavation of a tunnel near Gibraltar to run under the Straits and emerge on the Moroccan coast. The scheme, suggested by Lieutenant-Colonel Jevenois, a distinguished Spanish artillery officer, was taken over by the Spanish Government, and the work was begun, experimentally by the sinking of a shaft in 1929 on the Spanish coast fifteen miles west of the Rock of Gibraltar.

Although the Straits are little more than eight miles wide at the narrowest point, the curving route chosen, involved a tunnel twenty miles long, at a depth of 1,500 feet below sea level, and 200 feet below sea bottom. By means of the engineers hoped to avoid water too deep and the hazard of sharp rocks projecting through which a tunnel must be cut.

The Spaniards hoped to co-operate with our Channel Tunnel Company, pooling knowledge and experience, and possibly machinery for building. But since the first shaft was sunk in 1929 Spanish shore much water has passed through the straits of Gibraltar, and events have occurred in Spain to delay the scheme for many a year.

Japs Start Inquiry Into Superstitions

TOKYO. — The Japanese government has launched something new in investigating committees: an inquiry into superstitions. The hope of that Japanese can be weaned away from their belief in unlucky days, which hampers production.

For example, fishermen in Shimane won't put to sea on the 7th, 17th or 27th of the month. Nor will they return with their catch on a day ending in five. This wastes man power.

Farmers are more likely to worry about the zodiac signs, under which each day is symbolized by an animal. In Tottori people won't plant rice on the day of the rat. In Kumamoto they withhold farmers approval of the day of the rat, but wouldn't think of planting on the day of the ox.

The investigating committee has more than 400 beliefs to track down.

MAKING PROGRESS

OTTAWA.— Exercise Moccasin, a testing of army signals equipment in extreme weather by 16 Canadian officers and men, is pushing steadily farther away from its base at Fort Churchill. Man., winter military experimental base, army headquarters said.

Income Of Canadians Up, Savings Down

An Increase Of $723,000,000 Over 1946 Incomes, Savings Dropped $232,000,000

OTTAWA. — Although the aggregate personal income in 1947 showed an increase of $723,000,000 over 1946, personal savings dropped $292,000,000.

The trend was presented to the parliamentary price committee by Herbert Marshall, Dominion statistician.

It was a clear indication Canadians have been forced to spend a much greater proportion of their salaries on living expenses.

It is interesting to note, too, that in 1938 when personal direct taxes amounted to $425,000,000 Canadians were able to put some $192,000,000 in savings. Their savings amounted to more than their taxes.

In 1947, however, personal taxes amounted to $780,000,000 while savings amounted to $766,000,000. Canadians were paying more in direct personal taxes than they were able to lay aside in savings.

Total personal income in 1938 amounted to $4,031,000,000, personal direct taxes to $125,000,000, and personal saving to $192,000,000.

In 1947, however, while national personal income had risen to $10,259,000,000 personal direct taxes had rocketed to $780,000,000.

In 1946 the total personal incomes amounted to $9,536,000,000 and personal direct taxes totalled $794,000,000. Savings, however, were much greater than in 1947, actually $1,060,000,000, as compared with $766,000,000 in 1947.

TWO SISTERS LIVED AS HERMITS FOR TEN YEARS IN JUNK-CRAMMED HOUSE

LYNBROOK, N.Y. — Edith Wolff, 51, said she and her sister had lived as hermits for 10 years in a junk-filled house because they were afraid "mother always told us to stay home."

Her 400-pound sister, Elsie, died of a heart attack on a rag covered cot in the kitchen. Authorities who came to investigate found the body at the side the refuse-packed five-room house since the spinsters' merchant father died in 1937, leaving an estimated $100,000 fortune.

Neighbors said the two women hadn't left the house since that time. They hired children to buy their groceries, a neighborhood boy carried water in buckets from a nearby garage and passed it through the only window that was not boarded up. The doors were nailed shut.

The 64-year-old sister who died had grown fat after being invalided by a spinal infection. Her surviving sister had devoted her life to caring for her.

All utilities in the house were turned off years ago when the sisters refused to permit repairmen to enter. Their only convenience was a kerosene cook stove.

Dr. Stanley M. Kahn was summoned to the house by a small boy who said the sisters wanted him. He was taken into the house through the kitchen window and found Elsie dead of heart disease.

He said Edith refused to believe that her sister was dead and pleaded with him not to inform authorities.

However, he called police who pried open the back door of the house with a crowbar.

The undertaker required six men to remove the dead woman.

Both women were dressed in shabby, old-fashioned clothes.

Police said the house was crammed with clothes and boxes filled with all imaginable types of goods. Neighbors said that when their father died, the sisters had all the stock from his general store brought to the house for storage.

When authorities suggested the county would assist her if she needed money, the surviving sister shouted them a bank book with deposits of $12,000.

"I've got plenty of money," she snapped. "I don't need charity."

Police tried to convince her she should leave the house, at least long enough to have it cleaned.

"I'll just stay here," she said. "Mother always told us to stay home."

TRAFFIC HAZARDS

An old fellow was crossing a busy intersection when a huge St. Bernard came charging around the corner and bowled him over.

The next instant a midget car skidded around the same corner. Bystanders rushed over to him and helped him to his feet.

Someone asked if the dog had hurt him much.

"Well, no," was the reply, "but that can tied to his tail sure surprised me."

A few pairs of stockings have been woven from spider webs. 3765

: STAMP CORNER :

By JAMES MONTAGNES

Stamps courtesy Antony Kozan, Dovercourt, Ont.; Imperial Stamp Shop, Toronto.

Recent new issues to arrive in Canada include (top, left to right) Russia's set for a labor congress, Brazil's stamps to the 50th anniversary of the founding of the town of Belo Horizonte, and Bulgaria's stamp to the Maritime Union. Below are shown the four stamps issued by Switzerland for the winter Olympic games held at St. Moritz.

First of the 1948 English stamp catalogues has arrived in Canada. This is the Whitfield King and Co. ...Crechoslovakia is to issue a set to Soviet congress to be held at Prague next July. Greece has issued in published in two parts, the first a stamp, to go on all mail, to St. Demetrius, with parts of the proceeds of the stamp sale to go to rebuilding the church in the town of Samia... Persia (Iran) is to issue a set philatelic Avicenna, who lived a thousand years ago.

Testing Farm Seed Worth the Trouble

The yield and quality of a harvest crop depends a lot on the quality of the seed that is planted. The only way to know the purity, vitality, weed seed content and germination is to test the seed before planting. Anyone who feels qualified to undertake seed testing may send a sample to the Seed Laboratory to secure a representative sample of the lot of seed to be tested, using George A. Reid, Assistant Chief, Seed Laboratory Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

To find the number of weed seeds or other kinds seeds in a lot of cereals, take one pound and place it on a table where there is good light and separate the weed seeds in the one period to be tested and property name them. If any difficulty is found in identifying the weed seeds send those of which there is doubt to the Dominion Seed Laboratory of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

All that is required to make a germination test is a five-inch flower pot or other container of similar size, filled with fine loamy soil and plant 100 seeds to a depth of two inches, keeping the soil sufficiently moist. Most seeds germinate well at ordinary room temperature of about 68 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit, but they should not be placed too near a stove or radiator to become over-heated. One should they be put on the window sill to be chilled at night. A sample of oats or wheat should be ready for germination counts twelve days after the date of planting. Count only those sprouts that are healthy and normal.

In the event that this home test appears to be unsatisfactory, and the quantity of weed removed warrants the cost, a representative sample of the seed should be sent to the nearest seed laboratory of the Plant Products Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture.

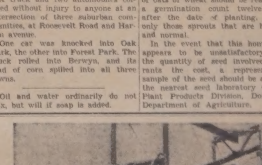
GEOGRAPHICAL QUIRK RESULTS IN MISHAP

CHICAGO.— A geographical quirk made a traffic mishap an investigation problem for three police departments.

A truck and two automobiles collided without injury to anyone at an intersection of three suburban communities, at Roosevelt Road and Harlem avenue.

One car was knocked into Oak Park, the other into Forest Park. The truck rolled into Berwyn, and its load of corn spilled into all three towns.

Oil and water ordinarily do not mix, but will if soap is added.



"FLYING STOVEPIPE" AT SUPERSONIC SPEED — Largest supersonic ram jet engine ever flown is shown in a launching rack (top) before it took off on its first test flight at Inyokern, Cal. A cloud of smoke is left in its wake (bottom) and the engine, known as the "flying stovepipe", heads skyward. The U.S. navy announced that it attained a speed far in the supersonic range. It delivered, pound for pound of engine weight, about 35 times the power available from the best reciprocating engines. Before the ram jet could operate efficiently it had to be boosted to supersonic speed by a rocket which then dropped off, leaving the "stovepipe" shooting through space.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES

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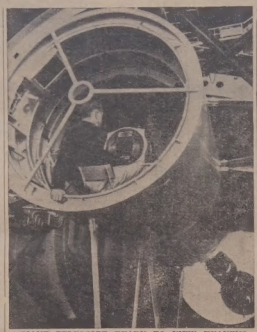
FIRE CAUSES $350,000 DAMAGE — At Verdun, Ont., a general alarm fire destroyed five buildings and damage is placed at $350,000. One fireman suffered a broken leg. Ice-coated members of brigade are pictured on the roof.



GIANT TELESCOPE READY TO VIEW HEAVENS—Byron Hill, supervisor of construction on the Palomar observatory telescope, is shown seated in the "prime-focus" cage looking down the tube into the huge 200-inch mirror of the gigantic instrument. The hole he is looking through is where the film will be placed to take pictures of the distant planets, stars and other heavenly bodies. This is the first photograph taken of the now nearly completed telescope in its mountain-top home in California. The picture was made as the world's most expensive scientific instrument, the $6,500,000 observatory, held a press preview.

CHINCHILLA BREEDERS HOLD CONVENTION—More than 100 chinchillas were entered in the show of the National Chinchilla Breeders, Central Ontario branch, held in Toronto. Olive Smith of Victoria, B.C., holds one of the precious rodents. Those entered in the first show of its kind in Canada are valued at upwards of $80,000.

RESCUE HOLY OBJECTS AS HISTORIC CHURCH BURNS—A $200,000 fire swept the historic St. Francis de Sales church in Smith's Falls, Ont. Valuable and irreplacable religious figures and paintings were lost, stained glass windows were ruined except for the big one behind the altar. Two-ton bell and tower were saved. With lightning speed the flames spread through the church and only the stone walls and steeple were left. Working in below zero weather, firemen of Smith's Falls, Perth, and from a local factory were still pouring water on the embers 24 hours after the blaze began. Sacraments and vestments were rescued from the inferno.

"BOOKMOBILE" FOR ONTARIO COMMUNITY — Travelling library to serve York township was initiated recently on a two-hour, three stops per day schedule. Bookmobile will carry some 1,500 volumes.

PUP'S BARK SAVES EIGHT LIVES — The barking of "Buddy" seen with master, Roy Callender, roused eight in a home afire in Toronto. Three children were among eight who fled from the home in zero weather after the dog roused them.

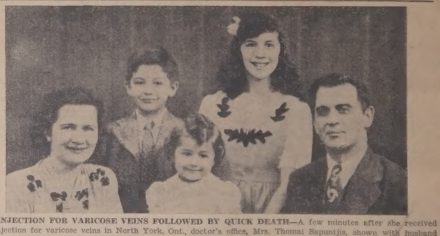
DISASTER FOR RHONA — Rhona Wurtele, considered with her twin sister, Rhoda, to have had a chance in the women's skiing at the Olympics, wound up on a stretcher with chipped ankle after finishing 37th.

DIVORCE ENDS MARRIAGE — Divorce is to mark the definite end of the marriage trail for Jane Wyman and Ronald Reagan. The actress, separated from Reagan for some time, sues for divorce. Her attorney said a settlement has been reached on property and the care and custody of the two children — Maureen, seven, and Michael, two.

New service is designed to meet the increased demand for libraries and to combat the high costs of constructing permanent buildings. Mary Higgins is a librarian.

TRAGIC SCENE AFTER JAP SHIP DISASTER—This tragic scene greeted the eyes of a cameraman who arrived on the scene of the sinking of a Japanese ferryboat off Kurijima, Japan, drowning 260 Japanese. The beach scene at Kurijima, where survivors of the ill-fated ferryboat, the "Jyon Maru", were brought ashore, were littered with bodies pulled ashore by rescuers. Others saved from the icy waters of the Inland Sea, near Osaka, are seen huddled on the beach. In the distance, marked by an "X" is the spot of the disaster. The ferry struck a mine and sank with a violent explosion. It was en route on a regular run fom Japan's main island off Honshu to the archipelago's southernmost isle of Kyushu when the accident happened. U.S. Far East air forces headquarters in Tokyo termed it a "major sea tragedy". Only 145 occupants of the crowded vessel had been rescued.

HAS A WAY WITH GUNMEN—Norma Lester, 15, displayed a unique anti-robbery technique recently. When a hold-up man invaded her dry-cleaning shop in Toronto, she handed over 10 $1 bills, threw a telephone book at the intruder and chased her quarry a full block to retrieve the 10 bills. "Gosh, I've never been so scared in all my life," Norma told police between puffs. It was her second day behind the counter of the shop. The intruder, who retreated when the telephone book was hurled at him, escaped.



INJECTION FOR VARICOSE VEINS FOLLOWED BY QUICK DEATH—A few minutes after she received an injection for varicose veins in North York, Ont., doctor's office, Mrs. Thomai Sapuntjis, shown with husband and children, Freda, 14; Paul, 10, and Betty, five, was dead. She had had a tooth pulled by a dentist half an hour earlier.

BABE IN ARMS, MOTHER LEAPS FROM SECOND STOREY OF BURNING HOME—Trapped in a burning house in Toronto, Mrs. A. Caty, 26, clutched her baby and jumped to safety. Baby Laura, shown here with Mrs. F. Kovac, a neighbor, was unharmed. Mrs. Caty suffered arm, leg injuries. "I yelled and screamed, but couldn't make anyone hear," said Mrs. Caty, who leaped from second storey, shown by dotted line. Garage workers rescued Jo-Anne Cottrelle, 22 months, from fire. Mrs. Cottrelle was out shopping.

5,000-FRANC CIGAR LIGHTERS — Following the French finance ministry's decision to invalidate the five-thousand franc note, local holders of these artistic shinplasters may now use them as lights for their smokes, as this disillusioned young man is doing. The finance ministry hopes to gain about one and a half billion dollars by this operation on the premise that a good deal of the large bills are held by black marketeers, who don't dare bring them into the open.

U.S. "FRIENDSHIP TRAIN" FOOD BURNS—Huge stores of food from the "Friendship Train" are destroyed as a Paris warehouse is swept by flames. The supplies were contributed by scores of American communities for the hungry children of France. Above, firemen play a hose on the smouldering ruins.

WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

The British union of Post Office Workers is seeking a reduction in the weight of bags postmen may be required to carry, now limited to 35 pounds.

Otto Praeger, 77, known as "the father of air mail", died recently of a heart ailment at his home in Washington.

In a setting of regal splendor and in the presence of representatives from 27 countries, the Duke of Gloucester inaugurated the first double-chamber parliament of Ceylon.

Mrs. Rebecca Havers, 107, believed to be the oldest woman in England, has died in a London old folks' home.

The Australian wool clip for the 1947-48 season is expected to bring a record return of $448 million. The average price has been 48 cents a pound.

The Australian Navy will pay a good-will visit to the United States Pacific naval base of Pearl Harbor after it has received a new aircraft carrier from Britain next June.

Applications have been received already for space at the British Industries fair, held annually about May in London and Birmingham.

In an effort to strengthen the Metropolitan police force, the age minimum in Britain for recruits has been reduced from 20 to 19.

English Twins At Vancouver Will Not Be Separated

VANCOUVER.—You have to look sharp to see differences between Charles and John Tubb born within 20 minutes of each other 26 years ago in Maidstone, England.

There are slight differences in countenance and voice in the two British men who arrived in Vancouver recently from England to start a new life.

They will do almost anything—only no logging or mining, but whatever they do will be done together. That is a prior condition of all jobs, just as it was for 10 years in the Royal Navy when they served on 15 ships without being separated.

Vast Difference

As to the difference, one girl in an American port in wartime set a record by readily telling them apart by voice within 10 minutes of first meeting.

A Maidstone girl was less discerning. The Tubb twins were in port and had leave at different times. The girl stole John to the office she was going to snub her on the street. They might as well consider their friendship ended as at the date of writing. She had seen Charles on the street in Maidstone while John was on duty aboard ship.

Charles was wounded when the cruiser Ajax took hits off Sicily killing three and injuring 10. John was unscathed throughout. When their ship was torpedoed off Tobruk, the twins—in the same gun crew—floated off on the same raft and were picked up three hours later.

MONEY FROM TREES

HUDSON BAY.—You can't tell W. D. Bennett that money doesn't come from trees—he knows better. Bennett operates a trapline east of this northeastern Saskatchewan town and found one of his traps had been dragged away. Following the tracks, he finally found the trap up a tree—still holding a large fisher whose pelt was valued at $100.

U.S. GIRL TO LECTURE IN U.S. ON FRANCE — Lecture tour in the U.S. to give the story of young French workers to Americans is the assignment awaiting Dodo Laye, 27, Miss Lost is said to be the only English girl to serve in the French army during the Second World War with rank of lieutenant.

Weatherman Correct Eight Out Of 10 Days

OTTAWA.—The weather is still the most unpredictable thing in the world—even the weatherman admits that.

One of the weather forecasters from the meteorological service of the department of transport, W. Gilmour Clark of Toronto, explained the weatherman's troubles to the Science association here.

In the mail every morning come derisive letters telling the forecaster he doesn't know what he's talking about. Others seek forecasts weeks in advance.

Then there are those who try to help. A Lethbridge, Alta., man offered to save the weather service a lot of trouble by forecasting the weather for the rest of the year—for a small sum.

"Perfect Weather"

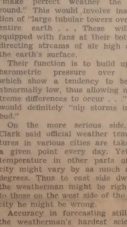
One man wrote of his plan to "make perfect weather the year 'round." This would involve installation of large tubular towers over the entire earth . . . These will be equipped with fans at their bottoms, creating streams of air high above the earth's surface.

Their function is to build up the barometric pressure over areas which show a tendency to become abnormally low, thus allowing no extreme differences to occur . . ." This would definitely "nip storms in the bud."

On the more serious side, Mr. Clark said official weather temperatures in various cities are taken at a given point every day. Yet the temperature in other parts of the city might vary by as much as 20 degrees. Thus to east side dwellers the weatherman might be right but to those on the west side of the same city he might be wrong.

Accuracy in forecasting still was the weatherman's hardest scientific nut. But he was improving until now he was correct on an average of eight out of every 10 days.

A Happy Cat Tale



Such fun to embroider this amusing twosome on your kitchen towels! A bright way to make your kitchen gay; pep up dish drying!

Gay, colorful and easy stitchery for kitchen towels. Pattern 7315; transfer of 6 motifs 6x7 inches.

Our improved pattern—visual with easy-to-use charts and photos, and complete directions — makes needlework easy.

To obtain this pattern send twenty-five cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 176 McDermot Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

WORD CHAUFFEUR IS FRENCH FOR STOKER

Gallic'd says the word "chauffeur" which has become the occupational title or drivers of all kinds of motorcars in the French navy, and the word which was first applied to operators of the early coal-burning automobiles who literally were stokers.

MAKES IT EASIER

Shoelaces which have lost their tips can be stiffened up for their slide through shoe eyes by twisting the ends and dipping in clear nail polish. Cords or heavy threads given the same treatment simplify stringing beads.

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Brief Sketch Of The Activities Of H. A. Head, Founder And Publisher Of "The Fertile Valley Enterprise"

HENRY A. HEAD, owner and editor of the weekly newspaper "The Fertile Valley Enterprise" published at Conquest, Sask., has disposed of his plant and The Enterprise, which has been published continuously since 1912 now passes out of existence.

Mr. Head began his printing career as a lad when he was "devil" in the office of the Hamlots, Manitoba, "Echo" published at that time by Messrs. Ed. L. Stone and Chas. W. Venables. After a few years in that office he moved to Harris, Sask., in 1911, to accept employment on the staff of the Harris "Herald". In 1912, an election year in Saskatchewan saw a change in the set-up at Harris and Mr. Head, who at one time had hoped to purchase the plant of The Herald" saw those plans go a-glimmering, and in September of 1912 he accepted a position that took the new village of Conquest, about 30 miles across country from Harris was looking for a printer. He came to Conquest via horse-and-buggy and by good fortune arrived in Conquest the same day the Board of Trade was meeting. After a discussion with Dr. Dunlop he decided to locate him in the venture Mr. Head entrained for Winnipeg, and there a country printer's dream came true—wandered into a printing equipment wholesale house, to emerge a few hours later with a full outfit and to set up a plant at Conquest.

The paper press was damaged in shipment and was held up for repairs but in the early hours of the morning of Saturday, Jan. 1912, the first paper was printed.

From that time Mr. Head's round of activities has been a remarkable one. Shortly after opening, he purchased the plant of the Bounty "Advance" which he incorporated with his own, and later published a second paper—The Ardath "Advance", and as things were rounding out into an era of advancement the First War broke out and Mr. Head rented the plant as a going concern and enlisted with the 128th Battalion in training at Moose Jaw, Sask. Proceeding overseas he was drafted to France in the 5th Brigade and was later transferred to Forestry Corps and again to the Railway Corps, and was stationed at Purfleet, Essex, when the armistice was signed. Held as an "indispensable" sergeant at records office at Knotty Ash camp near Liverpool he was not able to get back to Canada until late in May, 1919. Without loss of time and eager to return to the printing business he resumed control of The Enterprise in July. Business boomed but setbacks occurred. Serious breakdowns made it necessary to purchase a new press, and a typesetting machine. Additional machinery was brought into the scope of the paper, so that to make it more embracing the name "Conquest" was dropped from the masthead, and the community name of "Fertile Valley" was added. Sections for the villages Bounty and Ardath were contracted for. Later a section was added for Midden.

Mr. Head married Miss Dora Sibald, of Ardath, in 1921, and their family consists of three daughters and one son. The eldest daughter, Jean, a qualified stenographer, was a member of the R.C.A.F. (WD) signal section, and is now a member of the Alberta Government Telephone executive staff in Edmonton; the second daughter, Mabel, graduated as registered nurse in the Grey Nuns Hospital, Regina; the third daughter, Doris, has passed through Saskatoon Normal and is now teaching at Wayman, Sask. Philip, the only son, is at home attending school and showing great interest in sports of all kinds.

Mr. Head carried on all the work single handed during the whole period with the exception of about three years in the late '20s.

His community service has been of dynamic and unselfish nature; he was a member of the hockey team for some years; a curler; a member of the Masonic Lodge to the time of enlistment; is a Past D.D. Grand Master of the I.O.O.F., Past E.R. of the R.P.O.E., Past Master of the Masonic Lodge; for two years a member of the Village council; for

Eskimo Girl Homesick; To Return In June

FELIXSTOWE, Eng. — Fifteen year-old Eskimo girl who came to England with Mrs. John Turner, widow of a far northern missionary, is homesick and will return to the Canadian north in June.

Princess will travel to Canada with a group of missionaries. Since she came to England, she has helped Mrs. Turner—her two elder children died and a baby born shortly after their arrival here.

Mrs. Turner is the widow of Canon John Turner, who was injured fatally in an Arctic shooting accident last fall. He died in hospital in Winnipeg.

City of Vancouver Grows to "Manhood"

VANCOUVER.— Vancouver has at last reached "manhood" with a population of approximately 500,000, and no longer needs to depend entirely on eastern Canadian manufacturers, Mayor Charles Jones, spreading this message to members of the advertising and sales bureau of Board of Trade, declared:

"We must assume the responsibilities handed on to us by the builders of Vancouver. Never were there greater opportunities for our citizens than today."

He said there is a tremendous potential trade market in the Orient in which Vancouver will play a major role.

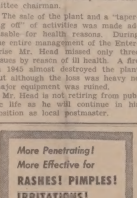
H. A. HEAD

This photo was taken during the First Great War, when Mr. Head held the rank of Sergeant in the Canadian Army.

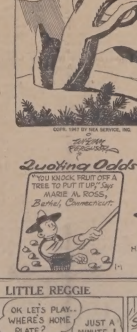
25 years superintendent of the United Sunday School; a member of the United Church board for 30 years; a past President of the local Canadian Legion; a former director of the Fertile Valley Agricultural Society; a motion picture projectionist; Ration Board member; organized the local Red Cross during the past war; and on committees and boards without number; also Victory Loan committee chairman.

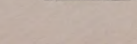
The sale of the plant and a "tapering off" of activities was made advisable—for health reasons. During the entire management of the Enterprise Mr. Head missed only three issues by reason of ill health. A fire in 1945 almost destroyed the plant but although the loss was heavy no major equipment was ruined.

Mr. Head is not retiring from public life as he will continue in his position as local postmaster.



THIS CURIOUS WORLD By WILLIAM FERGUSON





Health LEAGUE of CANADA presents TOPICS of VITAL INTEREST

SULFA DRUGS

The sulfa drugs are so widely known, so remarkable in their effect, and so easily administered that a few words of caution about them are in order. Since these drugs have simply to be swallowed in pill form, there is a tendency for them to be used as a means of home treatment without medical advice.

These drugs form a group each especially potent against a particular number of infections. Like many effective drugs they are dangerous if not administered wisely and with the necessary precautions. This is a point that must be understood because these drugs can result in, and have caused, death.

Fortunately your doctor can provide you with the necessary "do's and don'ts" when he prescribes a sulfa drug for your illness. He can also make certain tests which will guide him as to whether it is necessary to discontinue treatment with sulfa.

Restrictions Lifted On Alaska Road

OTTAWA. — Restrictions on tourist and pleasure travel over the Alaska highway have been removed and permits to travel over the route will no longer be required, Hon. J. A. Glen, resources minister, announced.

The announcement said an increase in travel facilities and accommodation along the 1,523-mile route has made it possible to lift the restrictions. Previously the war-built gravel strip from Dawson Creek, B.C., to Fairbanks, Alaska, was held for military use and permits to travel over it were limited mainly to persons having business reasons for using it.

"An important contributing factor" the statement said, "has been the establishment by the Canadian government of public camp grounds at several locations along the Alaska highway in Yukon territory."

CANADIAN EGGS STILL WANTED BY BRITAIN

LONDON. — Britain's egg agreement with Australia, which it hopes will double the supply of Australian eggs during next months over the next five years, will not affect egg purchases from Canada, Food Minister John Strachey said.

Strachey told his weekly press conference that Britain will continue to want the maximum quantity of eggs from Canada "as long as we can pay for our supplies."

Primitive man used stone tools as early as 125,000 B.C.

COYOTES GANG UP TO SLAY DEER WHILE RUNNING ACROSS ICE

CRANBROOK, B.C.—Around a dozen coyotes have fallen to hunters in the immediate vicinity of Cranbrook recently, victims of their own greed.

All have been shot on ice, most of them on Moyie Lake. Johnny Hayley, assistant game warden, reported seeing a coyote run down and banthen ten others joined to feast on the carcass. The coyotes have evidently discovered the precariousness of deer running on ice, but in addition to the deer slain in the open, many are falling to coyotes in the woods. A carcass is usually cleaned up over night.

Hunters after these predators look for the carcass on the ice, then wait near shore to take a bead on the gorged coyote as it hits for its lair to digest the feast, unable to run fast.

B.C. Doctor Wraps Man's Heart In Cellophane

VICTORIA. — A cellophane wrapping encases the heart of a male patient in St. Joseph's hospital here after a rare and delicate operation.

The patient received the wrapping to stimulate the growth of a new wall of the heart and to prevent rupture after Dr. J. D. Stenstrom had corrected a defective condition of the aorta, a main artery from the heart.

Dr. D. B. Roxburgh, superintendent of the hospital, said he believed the operation was the first of its kind performed in Canada.

ENGLISH PILOT GETS SOUVENIR FROM DIEPPE

LONDON.—A piece of silk from a parachute that saved his life has brought back memories to Archie R. Shobbrook, a former Fredericksburg, Ont., boy who helped rescue Shobbrook when his bomber crashed on his 13th mission sent him the souvenir from Dieppe.

His Luck Held

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. — After a giant snowplow weighing 32 tons had crossed a bridge on a sideroad here, it came to another bridge that was too narrow. The driver turned around, and coming to the bridge he had just crossed, noticed the sign: "Gross weight limit: 5 tons." He took the 32 tons safely across again—with his heart in his mouth.

HOW AUSTRALIAN FARMS ARE DIVIDED

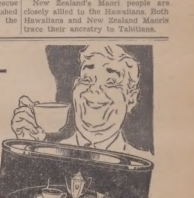
In the state of Victoria, Australia, the average farm of about 640 acres has about 200 acres kept in bare fallow, 200 acres sown with wheat, 100 acres sown with oats for hay and grain and the rest left to natural grass. Sheep have proved successful in conjunction with wheat. Mixed wheat and sheep farming is common. The sheep use up roughage, keep the fallows clean and add to farm income.

New Zealand's Maori people are closely allied to the Hawaiians. Both Hawaiians and New Zealand Maoris trace their ancestry to Tahitians.

Cut Expenses— Live better too!

DRINK POSTUM—

it's a grand beverage! BETTER FOR HEALTH! —never bothers nerves nor disturbs sleep. SAVES MONEY—at least one-half. 50% per cup compared with other meal-time drinks.



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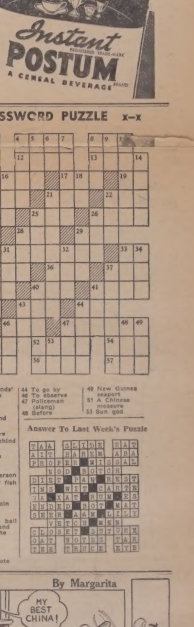

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51 A Chinese measure
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Answer To Last Week's Puzzle

Radar Device In Use At Airport In Edmonton

Great Aid To Pilots When Visability Is Poor

EDMONTON—First of the "G.C.A." or ground controlled approach units purchased by the R.C.A.F. to help pilots to land when visability is poor is in service at the station here, where Canadian airmen are under studying American in the use of the equipment, bought in the United States.

G.C.A. was used extensively by the United States Air Force and the R.A.F. during the Second World War, and is one of the few radar devices which has had an extensive peacetime application.

It's not difficult to recognize the unit here. It consists of two large vans on one of the runways. They actually are combined trucks and trailers, gaudily painted in a red-and-white checkered pattern.

The unit can be moved to any runway, depending on wind direction. The forward section houses two generators which power the trailer holding the radar and communications equipment. The highly technical apparatus which makes up the unit fills the rear of the trailer.

Most of the operating now is done by U.S.A.F. technicians. Several Canadians are working with them. The unit can be manned by a team of two operators and one mechanic. One of the men, known as the search operator, probes for aircraft up to 30 miles away. On a specified pattern he brings the pilot of the aircraft in to the final approach, roughly 10 miles from the airport.

From there the second or final operator takes over. He orients the aircraft, giving it its position right or left of the runway's centre line, and corrects its elevation where this is above or below the proper guide path.

G.C.A. enables pilots to receive flight-by-radio altitudes for correct altitudes and headings. Experienced operators can direct a pilot to a runway until his wheels are ready to touch down when a field is blanketed by fog or, as the airmen say, "socked in".

Operators can visually pick up an incoming aircraft which is represented on a lighted screen. By rigid rings operators can tell exactly how far a plane is from the runway.

Plane-to-ground contact is established by voice radio. The pilot is told at what height and on what headings to fly. Once he is being brought in, he is directed to say no more unless he fails to hear the operator's voice.

The operator keeps up a steady stream of chatter, giving small corrections as he gives height and rate of descent. All this while he follows the whitz speck on his screen.

If it should happen that the pilot fails to hear the operator, he says so—then circles and comes in again at height to come in for another approach.

Handshake May Soon Become A Memory

Handshaking is now said to be dangerous. The doctor of today has frown declares that it carries germs on a large scale.

Can it be there is a widespread move to make this friendly gesture obsolete?

Perhaps the Chinese people had this same idea a thousand years or more ago. They shake hands with two hands in token of friendship and have been doing so for ages, but most of the rest of the world considered it just one of their peculiar ways and not related to health at all.

Thus do old customs change. It may be a long time in passing, but eventually it is likely to become only a memory. The friendly clasp may be replaced by an embrace and a slap on the back. Many a man will be glad to escape the strong-handed fellows who almost nearly crush the bones in a hand clasp.

Germs, have to be avoided but there is no reason at all to fear that passing from hand to hand will be refused for the sake of adding a few new varieties of diseases.

About 60 per cent. of all rope made in the United States is used on ships and in related shore activities.

New Development At Nylon Plant May Revolutionize Canadian Textile Industry

The improved lap is carded into "slivers" and the spiral wound into cans. The drawing machine is fed from 24 cans and combines groups of six nylon and wool "slivers" into one. A subsequent operation repeats the process and the final "sliver" is drawn into 18 feet of yarn for one foot of nylon and wool "sliver".

Nylon staple fibre will be used chiefly as a blend in wool or cotton fabrics. At left we see the first blending step in a Quebec textile mill. Alternate layers of nylon and wool are spread over a room-sized area in preparation for carding. The finished batting is then form a "sandwich". The attractive material at right is the sweater made entirely of nylon staple fibre. The more this type of sweater is washed and worn the fluffier it becomes.

KINGSTON, Ont.—Near this historic city where guns once boomed defiance at the American blockhouses in defence of the realm, an industrial revolution is being fomented in a streamlined plant located near the juncture of Lake Ontario's nose the St. Lawrence.

The only one of its kind in Canada, this plant created a sensation in 1942 when it began producing a synthetic yarn, the basic ingredients of which were air, coal and water. Chemists christened it "nylon", a name now synonymous with women's sheer hosiery, durable sportswear, with dashing linens.

Recently it gave birth to an offspring which is expected to create as much stir in the textile world as did its parent. The newcomer is called nylon staple fibre.

Hitherto, nylon was used by textile manufacturers as a 100 per cent. yarn in the form of continuous silk like filaments. In its early stages nylon staple fibre is produced in a similar form, but in a later process it is sliced by a special machine into millions of short, crimped lengths. A skein of these lengths is raw form has a resemblance to absorbent cotton.

But the visual difference between parent and child is merely incidental. The important fact is that nylon staple fibre is blended with other fibres such as wool and cotton, it imparts to the finished fabric the famous properties of nylon: its great strength, resistance to abrasion and damage by moths and mildew, dimensional stability, high wet strength, ease of laundering, quick drying, resilience and crease resistance.

Endless Possibilities

It is claimed nylon staple in five inch lengths will spin and twice as strong as cotton. Its properties in other respects make it a natural component for these fibres.

To the consumer the new fibre opens up endless possibilities. Since humans are completely non-allergic to nylon, its use throughout the textile trade is unrestricted. Because of the control possible in manufacture and treatment of the fibre, garments will have built-in properties designed for specific purposes.

From all-nylon staple yarns, for example, it is possible to make baby blankets and blankets which may be boiled for sterilization without evidence of shrinking or changing shape. Which, in fact, become softer and fluffier with use. Men's half-hose, ladies' anklets, sweaters and sportswear are on the books as nylon staple fibre end uses. Happily for the weaver, such products will not need bleaching or stretching after laundering, as they will retain their shape throughout their life.

Home furnishings such as furniture upholstery, drapes and rugs will assume new and exciting characteristics. These will be long-wearing, easy to clean and will have excellent appearance and "handle". Shirts, work clothes and overalls will be rendered more serviceable if they contain nylon staple because the wearing surfaces such as collars, cuffs and pockets will have much greater wear resistance.

To the industrial field the application of nylon staple fibre is expected to be especially important. It may pave the way already into the production of paper makers' felts, laundry press covers and automotive upholstery fabrics. In these applications, the great strength, abrasion resistance and resilience of the fibre are particular properties which make its use in these specific products so desirable.

Its Advantages

From the manufacturers' viewpoint the use of nylon fibre has important advantages. It can be processed in the same manner as the natural fibres on the cotton, woollen or worsted systems with a minimum of alterations or adjustments. It blends with other fibres, process efficiency may be improved owing to the strength and uniformity of the staple.

While still in its infancy, nylon staple fibre is another foot-loke baby slated for a rosy future. From preliminary opinion surveys, there appears to be no end to its use as a hard-working a giant as its parent—nylon continuous filament yarn.

Helpful Hints

To remove berry or other fruit stains from the fingers, rub the hands with lemon juice. Tablecloths that have become stained with berry-juice should be dropped over a basin and boiling water poured on the stain.

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The bonnet silhouette is being adapted for those of the scaly spring hats. These hats, while not really bonnets, fit the back of the head snugly, but flare amusingly off the

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Rooms with low ceilings are made to look higher with floor-length draperies, and curtains, preferably straight-hanging, narrow valances and vertical striped draperies. These carry the eye upward. Dark colored rugs give an illusion of depth.

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Unusual Way To Celebrate Last Run

CHICAGO.—Every morning at 7.57 a.m., its same crowd of commuters boards the same bus at Waverley and Hampden Court on the north side.

When the usual crowd boarded the bus recently, the driver Raymond Olson, 44, said their money was "no good".

Then he counted the passengers—took 45 dimes out of his own pocket and put them in the meter—one by one.

"It's my last run on the line," he told the passengers. "You folks have been so nice to me that I want to do something for you.

Today the ride's on me."

WHEELBARROW

A wheelbarrow is a friendly thing if it has two hands to meet your hands. It carries rocks and colored loads. And when you want to sit, it stands

Solidly on wheel and legs.
With crimson apples, pumpkin gold heaped with brown and scarlet leaves,
It carries a path through mornings cold.

With silver frost. It is the friend Of boys the whole year long; it goes Speaking bright red through rain and rain
Until his piled with feathery snows.
—Florence Frost, in the Toronto Star Weekly.

To Feel Right — Eat Right

Revenue From Alberta Oil Almost Doubled

Daily Income For December Was $67,057 Compared With $35,972 Of 1946

CALGARY.—The rai- ot revenue from oil production in Alberta almost doubled during the past year. Oil income in December, 1947, was $67,057 daily, compared with $35,935 daily in December, 1946, according to the monthly report of the Alberta Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

Footage more than doubled in December, 1947, when a total of 86,889 feet were drilled compared with 35,082 feet in December, 1946.

Daily production was 21,648 barrels in December, 1947, compared with 18,231 barrels daily in December, 1946.

In December, 1947, Leduc produced 99,750 barrels of oil, compared with 429,371 barrels from Turner Valley. The Valley also produced 13,000 barrels of natural gasoline. However the Valley was still on the decline Leduc stood a good chance of being Alberta's first producer by the end of 1948.

The total value of oil sales in December, 1947, was almost double the 1946 figure $2,079,700, compared with $1,113,198 in December, 1946.

How Alexander's Army Fooled Marshal Rommel

Dummy Equipment And Fake Messages Were Effective

LONDON.—How Field Marshal Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada, fooled Field Marshal Rommel in the African battle of El Alamein, has been disclosed in a 60,000-word dispatch released by the War Office.

The battle began Oct. 23, 1942, and was the beginning of the Allied offensive that swept the "Desert Fox" and his Africa Corps out of North Africa.

Lord Alexander, then British Middle East commander, wrote the dispatch sent to the War Office last May, said the front in August, 1942, was like a door hinged at the west at El Alamein and extending into the desert.

The door might have been pushed open at the southern end but it was decided to strike it at the hinge, he said. The problem was to deceive the Germans as to where the blow would fall.

More than 700 dummy vehicles were placed near Suez Canal to fool naval concentrations from German observation. Other dummy tanks were placed in a motor transport park. Concentrations were being made far south of El Alamein.

A dummy pipeline of old gasoline drums was built into this desert to feed the southern sector. When the Dummy fuel reservoirs, pumping stations and mock supply drums were established.

To make the set-up more baffling, fake messages were broadcast to confuse the enemy. Code-named "Bertram" said the Outstanding Research Foundation is making progress with both.

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At the present time helicopters can carry a load of 500 pounds, but when they are used to fight forest fires their capacity will be increased.

CLEAN CAR DOORS

Interior of cars may be protected from grease, dirt and wear by means of clear plastic sheets, now marketed in United States. Sheets are clipped over the upholstery and marks are removed with a wet cloth.

Plans To Use Helicopters To Fight Forest Fires

Ontario is planning to use the helicopters to fight forest fires this coming summer. A demonstration of the first machine to be used for experimental purposes took place at Queen's Park, Toronto.

The machine shows how it is possible to hover over one spot and drop fire-fighting equipment. The demonstration was watched by members of legislature at the invitation of the Ontario Premier, who announced in the Throne Speech that helicopters are used to lay down a chemical "barrage" against forest fires.

If the helicopter proves successful, a number of machines will be bought by the Lands and Forest Department, it is said. They were two chief purposes in fighting forest fires. One, hovering low to the start of a fire, and dropping fire-extinguishing chemicals, putting the blaze in the bud; and the second, to establish a barrage of chemicals against a wall of fire. Experiments in these two methods are still in the process of development, but the Premier said the Ontario Research Foundation is making progress with both.

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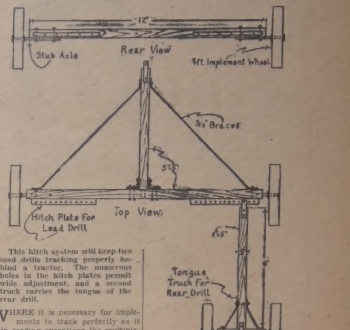
:: Two-Implement Hitches ::



This hitch system will keep two seed drills tracking properly behind a tractor. The numerous holes in the hitch plates permit wide adjustment, and a second truck carries the tongues of the rear drill.

WHERE it is necessary for implements to track perfectly as it is in seeding operations the multiple-hitching problem which will permit the rapid exploration of the possibilities of tractor power becomes a little difficult.

In order to hitch two seed drills behind a tractor it is necessary to build a truck to be hitched behind the tractor, the drills being hitched to the truck. The accompanying drawing shows such a truck arranged to hitch two drills or other tillage machines of similar construction behind it. These trucks can be built in almost any farm shop. The hitch plates are made of ¼-inch by 2½-inch angle bars. Holes are drilled into these hitch-bars to permit side-wise adjustment of the hitch so that the machines can be made to track properly with each other.

It will easily be seen that one drill is hitched close to the left hand side of the truck, while the second drill will need to be hitched behind a trailing truck. Since the drills cannot be hitched abreast, one must be hitched behind the other, so that they can be made to track properly. The wheels of the truck are ordinary implement wheels about 3 ft. high with hubs which will fit straight stub axles. Axles may be bolted or clamped to the underside of the long axle timbers. Yellow pine timber should be used for these timbers. Stub tongues are used on the drills, and the hitching iron should be so made that the machines will run on an even keel. That is, the tongues of the drills should be cut and set about the same height as would be the case if hitched to horses.

Smile of the Week--

FIFTY-FIFTY

"Where have you been?"
"Having my hair cut."
"You know you can't have your hair cut in the firm's time."
"Well, it grew in the firm's time, didn't it?"
"Not all of it."
"Well, I didn't have it all cut off."

Fishermen Gave Pickerel the Works

NORWICH, Conn. — A prize fish story came out of near by Baltic.

Henry Deslandes went fishing at Wauoup Lake. While making the ice hole Deslandes dug in it worke slipped out of his wrist watch and disappeared into the waters.

Later in the day Deslandes caught a good-sized pickerel and on preparing the fish for the skillet found the worke intact in the fish's stomach.

Deslandes has the corroboration of his friend, Joe Godere that he really gave the fish the works!

Murder In Cypress Recalls Bible Story

KYRENIA, Cyprus. — A murder reminiscent of Biblical days was unearthed in Nicosia when police found the body of 80-year-old Athina Costandi in a burning building.

Medical examiners declared that she had been killed by a nail driven into her temple. No motive for the crime was apparent.

The Book of Judges tells of the killing of Sisera, captain of the army of Jabin, King of Canaan, by Jael, wife of Heber, the Kenite.

Chapter iv says: "Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temple, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died."

Rail travel in India is cheap, the average rate being less than one per cent. per passenger per mile.

ON THE SIDE —By E. V. Durling

AGAINST DOGS

'Dogs. Bah!. Don't mention them to me,' writes a Bottonian. 'We were robbed three times. Somebody suggested we get a watch-dog. We did. The first night we were robbed again. And among other things the crooks stole the watch-dog.

WONDERFUL HUSBANDS AND WIVES

Chicago is the city of wonderful husbands and wives. What is the city of wonderful wives? Could it be Vancouver B.C.? Dispatch from there states a wife discovered a fire starting in a neighbor's home at 5.30 a.m. What was this young matron doing up so early in the morning? Why, sir, she had just prepared her husband's breakfast and stepped outside to see if the weather was suitable for matrimonial mate wearing his new overcoat. Which was not enough for this young woman to get up before dawn to prepare her spouse a meal but she had to add worrying that early about his general welfare. Boy, that's what I call a wonderful wife.

"TIME MARRIAGES"

In some parts of Persia "Time marriages" are arranged. That is, an agreement is made that the marriage will be for a stated period, at the end of which it will be automatically dissolved. No particular period is stated in the rule. The marriage can be for a day or for a year or longer. In fact, it can be for as much as a century. I suppose at such weddings, as the last named, they play 'One Hour With You' instead of the 'Wedding March' and 'Always'. Imagine a girl being a bride at 4 p.m. and a divorcee at 8 p.m. on the same day!

CLAM EATERS

A recent sporting event in the northwest of the U.S.A. was a clam-eating contest. Twenty-seven men took a competitive part. However, I heard of a fellow who won a clam-eating contest in Atlantic City by eating 146 clams at one sitting. At the conclusion of the event the young fellow said: "I could have eaten more, but I don't like clams."

PLEASE NOTE

Put your watch on the table to see how long it takes you to do the following problems by mental arithmetic. That is, without benefit of pencil and paper. "A man bought a milk shake for 16 cents, a tube of toothpaste for 48 cents, a carton of soap for 89 cents, some bulbs for 23 cents and a fountain pen for 98 cents. How much was the fountain pen?" That was the first question asked Joni Koppeman on the Information Please Quiz on the Quiz Kid program. Joni answered it correctly in two seconds. He was five years old at the time.

Apples Banned From Parcels For Overseas

If you're tempted to include half-a-dozen apples in your next parcel overseas, don't. They'll probably spoil in transit, and besides, you'd be breaking the law.

Export regulations forbid the shipment of apples to countries other than the United States and Newfoundland unless the apples are certified to be free of apple maggot. This certification department inspectors before supply for the small quantities which might be sent by parcel post.

These regulations were instituted in 1932 to make sure that only high quality fruit reaches Canada's important markets.

Cargo tonnage on the Great Lakes in 1945 exceeded all ports and ports of the United States at all salt water ports, 2765

Instrument Gauges The Speed Of Stars

New Machine Being Used In Victoria Observatory

VICTORIA, B.C.—A machine to determine the speed of stars has been developed by Dr. R. M. Petrie, assistant director of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory here.

Known as a spectrum comparator, the instrument is claimed to be much more efficient than any previous device and is the only one of its kind to be constructed and used for astronomical work.

Dr. Petrie designed the machine and it was built by S. S. Girling in the observatory workshop.

The original negative of a star is projected under high magnification onto a screen which is viewed with a standard scale. The photographed star is then moved across the scale, this standard, thus eliminating many laborious and time-consuming measurements.

An accurate micrometer then makes direct measurements of the speed of approach or recession of the star upon the projected photograph.

Displacements as small as one ten-thousandth of an inch are easily and accurately measured by this method.

SMALL BOY KNEW

HARRISBURG.—The peperoni coal only five cents but the small boy placed six cents on the counter. The storekeeper said, "You've paid me."

"Keep it," the boy said. "You can't buy anything with it anyway."

THE SPORT WORLD

Distance means nothing to Walter Polski of Virginia, Minn., when it comes to entering bonspiels and the veteran skip has estimated he had driven 4,000 miles already this year to compete in curling tournaments. Playing in Manitoba's Diamond Jubilee bonspiel at Winnipeg, the Polski four has also competed in bonspiels at Duluth, Chicago, Montreal, Milwaukee and Nipawin, Sask., in its quest for curling honors and fun since the start of 1948.

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Brooklyn Dodgers has announced that Jackie Robinson, their star Negro first-baseman, had signed his 1948 baseball contract. The terms of contract were undisclosed but it was taken for granted he received a good boost above the $17,500 he received last year.

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If Max Bentley, high-scoring centre of the Toronto Maple Leafs wins the N.H.L. scoring title this season, he will be the first player to ever win the scoring championship for three consecutive seasons. Bentley finished in 1945-46 and 1946-47 as top scorer in the scoring parade.

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Doug Bentley of the Chicago Black Hawks received an assist on a goal by Roy Conacher on February 5 without even having a stick in his hands. Bentley's stick broke and he had to go to the bench for a new one. Conacher and therefore was credited with an assist by the official scorer.

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Vancouver may be the scene of a western amateur boxing tournament if plans of the British Columbia Department of Recreation materialize. The department plans to organize elimination tournaments in the four western provinces with the winners of each province meeting for finals late in April.

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President A. W. Pickard of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association said "every consideration" would be given a recommendation of the Ottawa and District Hockey Association that the C.A.H.A. Ottawa Olympic hockey champions, be permitted to challenge for the Allan cup.

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University of Alberta Golden Bears hold the western intercollegiate hockey championship for the fifteenth consecutive year. The Albertans defeated University of Saskatchewan Huskies 7-1 to win the four-game series on goals to 14.

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Canada could probably stage the 1948 world figure-skating championships if it wanted it, Bill Thomas, president of the Canadian Amateur Skating union, said. He added that the I.S.U. has not been formally approached by Canadian or United States skating associations but he understood they were keen in getting the championships next year.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

HOMEWRECKER NIGHT

By CHARLES ROGAN

NELLIE NORTY had blue eyes and red hair and a peach of a disposition, and she loved playing bridge.

Stephen Southy had brown eyes and black curly hair. He had a shy temperament—and he hated playing bridge.

Yet these people were very much in love.

Stephen's father wanted the boy, who was only twenty, to go into politics because he was a good student of political economy and forget the idea of marriage for at least two years. Stephen wanted to get married at once. He had a good job and Nellie could cook, so why not?

"Stephen," Nellie reminded him, "when we're married we will have to play bridge now and then, so I wish you would buckle down and learn the game. Everybody's playing it."

"But that sort of divides the family," she reasoned. "I'd like to have you with me when I go places. And bridge is interesting—very interesting, when you learn the fine points."

"Well," he surrendered. "Perhaps if I do not succumb to it and like it I'll be well advised to learn something about those fine points. And then, of course, the neighbors might like to have a game now and then." In a short time he was studying various sequences and finding the game very intriguing.

And Nellie persuaded him to enter the Homewrecker's Bridge Tournament, sponsored by the Business Men's Association of Cardville.

The rules of the tournament demanded that wives play with husbands, and fiances with fiances, with the avowed object of testing their tempers.

Any player, who by any sign or word, betrayed a rising temper was to be fined one dollar. The Association members had a committee to circulate around the tables to keep tab on all facial and labial expressions.

The Association assumed all expenses as an advertising venture and the prizes were liberal. Twenty-five dollars to the pair having the highest score; five dollars for the lowest.

In addition to these prizes $100 was offered to the first couple bidding and making a grand slam in no-trump. The committee felt quite safe in making this offer, which they called the Joker prize, because from past experiences such a contract was muffed more often than it was fulfilled.

Nellie was thrilled. If anybody could use that hundred dollars, she could. With the rising cost of trousseau habiliments she had already exceeded her budget. Stephen was apathetic. He could do with the money, too, but he knew he would fondle a slam hand if he had it.

It was a gay and friendly party. Fifty tables were in play and tempers were subdued up to the third round. Then one poor fellow got into a 7 no-trump contract and won, down two tricks. His wife bawled at him and for him and hubby had to dig down for a dollar as her penalty. The profound much good-natured kidding in which the pair participated—postponing final hostilities until they went home.

Things were not going very well with Nellie and Stephen. At the last table they were seated against Stephen's father and mother. Nellie played superbly as usual, making the best of poor cards by clever finessing. Stephen would be glad when this thing was over because of nervous tension.

He picked up the cards to deal the last hand with a sigh of relief. His eyes opened wide as he glanced over his holdings. Excitedly he chirped "seven no-trump."

"Eh?" gasped his dad. Nellie laughed. Mr. Southy groaned.

Dad doubled because his holdings included the K-Q hearts and K-Q clubs, and over his face spread a beatific grin. He remarked, generously expanding his massive chest:

"Well, my boy, if your side makes the contract I'll add another hundred dollars to the prize, and you may get married as soon as you like."

Stephen was looking at his cards and breathing heavily. His face turned ashy. His clutched at his throat desperately. Nellie thought he had taken ill. She looked alarmed but forced a smile because her parents were hovering near. His mother exclaimed:

"Stephen, son—what is it? Are you ill?"

"I'm all—" he choked, "all right." He looked across at Nellie and shook his head ruefully. He had made a terrible blunder. His hand contained thirteen Spades.

Dad toyed for a minute with a decision of what to lead. At last he played the king of hearts.

"Thank heaven," breathed Mrs. Southy when Nellie dropped it with the ace. Mrs. Southy was all for the marriage. When Nellie's hand was spread in dummy it showed the ace of clubs single along with the singleton of hearts just played—and eleven diamonds to the ace-king-queen! Nellie was wildly embraced by Mrs. Southy and even Mr. Southy seemed pleased.

When the kibitzers vanished he whispered to Stephen:

"You'll have to teach your bride some of the fine points of this game. When you bid seven no-trump she must have known that you held the ace of spades. With her holding she should have RE-DOUBLED."

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To Press For Completion Of Highway

NELSON, B.C.—Representatives of Alberta and the British Columbia chamber of commerce and boards of trade this spring will converge on Nelson to press for completion of the trans-Canada Highway.

Spearheaded by the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce, the organizations will seek federal aid in the ultimate construction of the trans-Canada Highway through Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Cranbrook, Nelson and Penticton to the coast.

E. R. McFarland, president of the Lethbridge chamber, suggested the inter-provincial meeting and in taking with members of the Nelson Board of Trade outlined a general plan which would see the chambers and boards combine to present their case as an integral unit.

While the plan is yet in its formative stages, Nelson has been named the meeting place and other organizations are being advised.

Also present will be representatives of the Alberta and B.C. governments. Likely date of the meeting is the first two weeks of May.

SELECTED

RECIPES

RAISIN PIE

1½ cups seeded raisins
½ cups boiling water
1 tablespoon flour
½ cup sugar
½ cup finely chopped walnuts
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Grated rind of ½ lemon

Wash raisins carefully and cook in boiling water until tender. Mix flour and sugar and add to cooked raisins. Stir until thickened. Add lemon gratings and walnuts, cool slightly and bake in a double crust pie in a hot oven (450 deg. F.). Reduce heat during the last 10 minutes. The nuts may be omitted.

DUMPLINGS

2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup milk or water

Sift dry ingredients together in mixing bowl. Mix to drop batter with liquid. Drop from spoon into boiling stew, being careful that there is plenty of water and no possibility of boiling dry. Cover closely and cook undisturbed, and rapidly, for from 10 to 20 minutes, depending on size of dumplings.

Pilots Were Chased By Their Own Plane

PICTON, Ont.— A pilotless plane with a human sense of humor that chased two men around the ice and finally in one more human gesture committed suicide was the tale of the town here.

Pilot Bud Ayrhart and his passenger, Sid Fellow, of Peterboro, said they had flown to Nicholson's Island, landed safely on the ice near the island, and started on foot for shore, leaving the motor running to keep it warm for Ayrhart's return flight.

Seconds later, they said, they were amazed to see the plane following them. They sprinted. The plane started in a slow circle, gradually gained speed, and as master mind Ayrhart and Fellow turned, it seemed to head that way too.

The involuntary game of tag ended suddenly when the plane hit a rough spot in the ice, threw itself over and caught fire.

Ayrhart and Fellow were rescued by a second plane, sent from Campbellford to search for them.

Pays For Trousseau With Beaver Pelts

Girl Working With Father Had Successful Season

GARLAND, Mc.— Beaver pelts paid for the trousseau in which Miss Raymond L. Stone is honeymooning.

Maine's only girl beaver trapper, Edith Palmer, in one month upon season trapped 27 beavers with her dad, Lester Palmer, a veteran of 50 years on Maine trap lines.

Long an outdoors enthusiast, Edith went into partnership with her father and worked dependently forced her to give up trapping here.

Her first 20 pelts were sold netted them $1,000, Mrs. Stone reported. Much of her share went for the trousseau.

The only fur in that trousseau, by the way, is not beaver. It's a red fox necklace.

BLAMES BUSY "PARTY LINE" FOR CAUSE OF DEATH

FORT ERIE. — A telephone "party line" which prevented him from calling for aid in time was blamed by Robert F. Dennis for the death from coal gas fumes of his 20-month-old daughter. Dennis said party line subscribers refused to listen to his frantic pleas and he was unable to get speedy aid.

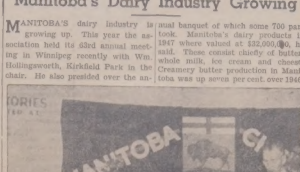
In music "adagio poi allegro" means to play slowly, then quickly.

To make sure you're getting FAST-ACTING ASPIRIN FOR HEADACHE
Look for the BAYER cross on the tablets

The body of a horse has 91 bones.

Manitoba's Dairy Industry Growing

MANITOBA'S dairy industry is growing up. This year the association held its 63rd annual meeting in Winnipeg recently with Wm. Hollingsworth, Kirkfield Park in the chair. He also presided over the annual banquet of which some 700 partook. Manitoba's dairy products in 1947 where valued at $32,000,000, he said. These consist chiefly of butter, whole milk, ice cream and cheese. Creamery butter production in Manitoba was up seven per cent. over 1946.



Left to right: R. Couture, Winnipeg, secretary and B. L. Reimer, Girouxville, president, Manitoba Cheesemakers Association, and J. A. McManus, Dominion cheese grader, giving his annual report.

J. J. Collins, Roblin, president Manitoba Buttermakers Association, and L. A. Gibson, retired Dairy Commissioner, Winnipeg, who presented the special prizes.

Two Alberta Cows are North American Champs

CALGARY—Two Alberta Holsteins have been named North American Champions in their class, it was learned here. They are Swalwell Toxal Rosa a junior yearling heifer owned by Rickard and Clark, of Acme, Alta., and Highcrest Pippin Rag Apple, a senior yearling heifer owned by R. C. Briggs, of South Edmonton. Both were named champions at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair last November and had previously topped their classes in the all-Canadian contest sponsored by the Holstein Friesian Association of Canada.

NEW FASHION

Transparent Clothes

TORONTO.— Don't look now, men, but your underwear may be showing.

A preview at the retail men's wear association fashion fair recently showed transparent clothes as the most startling of the new fashions for males. They even had a model doing up in transparent dinner suits.

But a female model was wearing a transparent evening gown. Yes, her slip showed.

GREATER MONTREAL POPULATION 1,320,726

MONTREAL.— The population of Greater Montreal — a group of 15 municipalities including the City of Montreal—has risen to 1,320,726 in a report to the Montreal Metropolitan Commission by Ephrem Brisbois, secretary-treasurer.

ONE STUNT TOO MANY—Alfred 'Dusty' Rhodes, veteran Hollywood stunt man is pictured here (in white suit) being congratulated as he emerges from a wrecked car which he had just smashed in thrilling climax of "Death Car Show". "Dusty", an Apache Indian, and one of the most daring of movie stunt men, died recently in spectacular leap from the Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco. The leap which he had long planned, and which was to have been the high spot of his career, cost him his life in spite of the life preservers, cushions, rubber suit and parachutes which he used.

MOSQUITO LANGUAGE

Science has discovered that mosquitoes have a language all their own —a song for danger, one for mating, one for anger, none of which can be heard by the human ear. The humming we hear is made by their wings.

Help The Red Cross
"SALADA" TEA

Western Briefs

SASKATOON, Sask. — Field-Marshall Viscount Alexander, governor-general of Canada, will attend the 12th national convention of the Canadian Legion which opens in Saskatoon May 23, it was announced by Brig.-Gen. Alex. Ross, chairman of the legion convention committee.

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CARMAN, Man.—Elie Pierre Maher, one of Manitoba's few centenarians, celebrated his 106th birthday on Feb. 13 in the southern Manitoba town.

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FILLMORE, Sask. — The Fillmore district is doing its share in contributing antiquated machinery to the North Battleford museum. A threshing outfit owned by Albin Carlberg has been added which includes a Reeves 32-horse power engine bought in 1916, a Shepherd separator, 40-60, 12-bottom Cockshutt and A. Hofmeister has added a set of steel harrows made in Missouri, bought in 1889 and brought to his father's homestead in 1902.

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WINNIPEG. — Winnipeg's $1,000,000 hospital for the aged and infirm now under construction will be called Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Mayor Garnet Coulter announced. It will be the third in the city bearing a royal name. There are already King George and King Edward hospitals.

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BRANDON, Man.—Believed to be the first of its species seen so far north as Brandon, a raccoon was killed at the farm home of R. Macpherson, six miles west of here in the Assiniboine valley. The animal was first seen on the doorstep of the home and later tried to climb in an upstairs window. All attempts to capture the animal alive failed.

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VICTORIA. — British Columbia's agricultural production reached $118,588,777 in 1946, a new record. The provincial agricultural report showed this figure in a report. It is the latest available compilation. The 1945 production was $91,582, 2783

SPRING FASHION

Bib necklaces will be very important as costume jewelry this spring. Pearls, gold and silver colored metals—highly polished—as favorites.

FLEISCHMANN'S ROYAL FAST RISING DRY YEAST
TRADE MARK REGISTERED
ACTS FAST! STAYS FRESH!
Standard Brands Limited
Montreal-Toronto-Winnipeg-Vancouver
it's NEW
It's here! New Fleischmann's Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast, the modern granule form that's always there when you want it. No need to keep it in the icebox—New Fleischmann's Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast stays fresh in the cupboard for weeks—ready at any time for speedy action. Just dissolve according to directions on the package. IF YOU BAKE AT HOME—you'll be amazed at its fast rising action—delighted at the delectable flavor, finer texture it gives to breads. Order a month's supply of New Fleischmann's Royal Fast Rising Dry Yeast today. At your grocer's.

MOST MOTHERS DO THIS
If Baby Has A Cold
AT BEDTIME rub chest, throat, back with Vicks VapoRub. Its special action soothes stuffy nose, starts right away... the cold is eased.
MORE FOR BEDS than any child cough, cold or sniffle, by easing most distress of night-time colds, the cold is eased.
Best-known home remedy you can use to relieve distress of children's colds is comforting Vicks VapoRub. Even while you rub it on, VapoRub starts to work to ease distress... and it keeps on working during the night. No wonder most mothers do this when a cold strikes. Tonight, try VICKS VAPORUB

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He who believes in goodness has a measure of all faith. He is a man of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows.—J. F. Clarke.

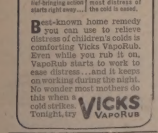
All our actions take their hue from the complexion of the heart, as landscapes do their variety from light.—W. T. Bacon.

It is a little stream which flows softly, but it freshens everything along its course.—Mad. Swetchine.

Inward sincerity will of course influence the outward deportment; where the one is wanting, there is great reason to suspect the absence of the other.—Sterne.

To preserve a long course of years still and uniform, amid the uniform darkness of storm and cloud and tempest, requires strength from above—deep draughts from the fount of divine Love.—Mary Baker Eddy.

He who prays as he ought, will endeavor to live as he prays.—Owen.



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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday, 20th March, 1948, for the purchase of Lot 11, Block 9, Plan Highland 766 C.C. Improvements consist of 2 room frame shack, with coal shed. Separate Tenders will also be received for the purchase of the contents. No Tender necessarily accepted.

Public Administrator, Land Titles' Bldg., Calgary, Alta.

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Craigmyle	11.00 a.m.
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(By I. J. Cloe, Atlantic Pool Elevator)

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1948

Wheat (Red Spring)—	
No. 1 Northern	1.17½
No. 2 Northern	1.14½
No. 3 Northern	1.13½
No. 4	1.07½
No. 5	1.04½
No. 6	1.00½
Feed	.98½
Wheat (Garnet)—	
1 C.W.	1.12½
2 C.W.	1.10½
3 C.W.	1.08½
Oats—	
2 C.W.	.69½
3 C.W.	.68
No. 1 feed	.67½
1 feed	.67½
2 feed	.65
Barley—	
No. 2 C.W. 6 row	1.11½
No. 3 C.W. 6 row	1.09½
1 feed	.99½
2 feed	.97½
Rye—	
2 C.W.	2.40
3 C.W.	2.35
4 C.W.	2.24½
Flax—	
1 C.W.	4.76½
2 C.W.	4.72½
3 C.W.	4.66½

NOTICE

Sealed Tenders for purchase or lease of the following lands will be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, 1948:—

N.E.	2-29-18-4
N.E.	31-29-18-4
N.W.	32-29-18-4
E½	36-29-18-4
N½	16-30-18-4
N.W.	34-33-17-4
N.E.	27-33-18-4
S.W.	28-33-21-4

Lot 21, Block 2, Michichi.
Lot 28, Block 5, Michichi.

Tenders to purchase must be accompanied by a deposit of 10 per cent. of the purchase price.

Any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated at Morrin, Alberta, this 14th day of February, A.D. 1948.

S. R. HOOPER,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Municipal District of
7-8a Starland, No. 47.

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Changes of advertising must reach this office not later than noon each Tuesday to insure insertion in the following issue.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1948

CZECHOSLOVAKIA BEHIND THE CURTAIN?

The sudden emergence into the forefront of foreign affairs by Czechoslovakia over the week end, came as a surprise to those of us who have, more or less, been concerned with events in Palestine.

What appears to be taking place in Prague is a repetition of what has already occurred in Rumania, Poland, and other Balkan States. The Communists, having control of the police forces of the country, are using them to harry and browbeat their opponents who suffer from the disadvantage of being divided into cliques, which seem unable to unite effectively.

It will be remembered that the Czechs were amongst the nations which accepted the invitation to Paris to take part in discussion of the United States Marshall plan. Ultimately, however, she withdrew the acceptance; common gossip attributing the refusal to Moscow influence, since the Czech prime minister happened to be in that city at the time. In this connection, well informed quarters point out that Prague government circles genuinely thought that no good could come out of Washington. Convinced that the United States and Britain are bent upon the reconstruction of Germany, they considered the Marshall plan as just another step in that direction.

If there are those among us who have forgotten some of the implications of Munich, we may be sure the Czechs have not. Handed over to Hitler, literally lock, stock and barrel, by those whose reassurances they relied upon, they are taking no further risks on assistance from the west. They have a military alliance with Russia which now appears to be destined to be completely economic and cultural. To them, Germany is still the main enemy and the strongest motive for a Soviet understanding. Moreover, it was the Red Army which liberated the country; freed its citizens from the concentration camps, and released others from seven years' experience of curfews and the humiliations of the Nazi jack boot. It should be remembered, too, the frontiers of Germany and Czechoslovakia are still joined, over which since the victory the Czechs have expelled three million Germans.

The crisis is not as yet over. President Benes is holding fast to his position that there must be a democratic representative cabinet. But the Communists are proceeding along the familiar old lines of terrorism; armed police raids and arrests, under the justification of charges of treason against their political opponents.

The outlook is dark, and the western world may well prepare for the disappearance of yet another central European state behind the iron curtain.

CAN WE "ORGANIZE" UNITY?

"We are indeed at a critical moment in the organization of the post-war world," said Mr. Bevin in answering Britain's foreign policy. What makes the moment so critical, however, is that world statesmen still think that organization can achieve what is needed in the post-war world. Unity is what we desperately need across the world. But unity is the essential of organization, not the result of it.

Family unity "organized" through marriage vows, industrial unity "organized" through incorporation papers or labor contracts, political unity "organized" through confederation and coalition, and international unity "organized" through leagues, charters, treaties and agreements, produce no unity so long as unity of heart is lacking. And unity of heart is not a matter of organization at all, but of a common loyalty and devotion.

Iron filings attract each other and cohere, not when men try to organize them in a pre-arranged pattern, but when they are drawn by the same magnet. Men attract each other and unite, not when they sign a union card or contract, but when in common love for their country, for their world, and for their God, they find themselves enlisted in a common cause, energized and inspired by the same great Power.

To find for one's self and to spread this uniting loyalty to others is the art of post-war statesmanship. And it gives the ordinary man as well as the diplomat the chance to become a new-world statesman.

—Full Together Chronicle Press Service.

The total number of harvesting combines sold in Western Canada last year was 7,907. This was 88.3 per cent of the total Canadian sales of combines—8,836.

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

In the Estate of THOMAS BERT HANDS, late of the Village of Delia, in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Thomas Bert Hands, who died on or about the 28th day of December, A.D. 1947, are required to file with the undersigned by the 30th day of March, A.D. 1948, a full statement, duly verified, of their claims and any securities held by them, and that after that date the said Executrix will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to her knowledge.

Dated at Calgary, Alberta, this 23rd day of February, A.D. 1948.

WILLIAM A. LOW,
410 Lancaster Building,
Calgary, Alberta,
Solicitor for the Executrix.

Local and District

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the local branch of the Canadian Legion will hold a sale of home cooking in the Rest Room on Saturday, February 28th.—Advt.

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Civil Service examinations for the appointment of postmaster to the Delia post office were written at the Queen's Hotel on Wednesday of this week.

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Curling in the mixed bonspiel is continuing in ideal weather, and finals are expected to be completed by Thursday night.

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The annual meeting of the Municipal District of Starland, which was postponed on Saturday last due to snow blocked roads, will be held this coming Saturday, February 28th, in the Olympia Theatre, Delia, commencing at 1 p.m.

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On Monday, February 23rd, at the Lutheran Parsonage, Craigmyle, Katherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hohenseker, of Delia, was united in marriage to Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Allen, of Craigmyle. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. J. Kritsch.

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Variable weather has been experienced since the blizzard of last week. Below zero temperatures during the dark hours have been frequent, but sunny hours of daylight have brought milder breaks at intervals. At noon on Tuesday the temperature was 30 degrees above zero, but there was also a keen north-west wind.

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Extremely heavy drifts on the highway near the Dunfield farm is reported to be the cause of the continued suspension of bus service to Hanna and points east. The old south road to Drumheller has been made available for travellers from the east during the tie-up. A rotary plow is said to be about to make an attempt to shift the frozen, cement-like masses of snow.

RED CROSS SUNDAY SET FOR FEB. 29th

Toronto, Feb. 19—Arthur L. Bishop, chairman of the national executive committee, Canadian Red Cross, announced today that February 29 has been set aside as Red Cross Sunday.

Observance of this special day in churches throughout Canada precedes the Red Cross National Appeal for funds which opens Monday, March 1. Mention of the Appeal will also be made in the churches on Sundays, March 7 and 14. Red Cross Branches in many communities throughout Canada are planning additional functions to give the day special significance.

"This practical," said Mr. Bishop, "is a tradition among clergymen of all faiths to give spiritual meaning to the Red Cross Appeal."

Meat stocks in Canada on February 1st totalled 61,577,000 pounds lighter than the total on the same date a year ago.

DECISION IS PENDING ON DRIVERS' TESTS

Whether tests will be ordered this year when applications are received for drivers' licenses still is being considered by the provincial cabinet, according to official word received by the Alberta Motor Association.

The move has been under consideration for some months but still is "up in the air." One reason doubtless is the absence in England of Hon. A. J. Hooke, provincial secretary who had this matter in hand last year.

One proposal was to make complete tests of those who were applying for drivers' licenses for the first time or had been involved in accidents during the past year.

At another time, there was a suggestion to apply the tests to all persons applying for licenses to drive motor vehicles.

Tests would be undertaken under the supervision of the R.C.M.P.

As little more than six weeks remain before the province commences to issue the 1948-49 licenses which become operative on April 1, it is realized that a decision will have to be made soon as to whether drivers' tests will be tightened up this year.

RADIO

The following are among the high lights of programs to be heard over CBC stations on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 26, 27, 28 and 29. All times mentioned are Mountain Standard Time.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

6:00 p.m.	Alan and Me.
6:30 "	John and Judy.
7:30 "	Music Hall.
7:30 "	Wayne and Shuster.
8:00 "	CBC National News.
8:15 "	CBC News Roundup.
8:30 "	Evenside.
9:00 "	The Nation's Business.
9:15 "	Sports Review.
10:00 "	Winnipeg Concert Orchestra
10:00 "	Vancouver Drama.
10:30 "	Nocturne.
11:00 "	CBC News.
11:15 "	Press Photographer.
11:30 "	Music in the Night.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

6:00 p.m.	String Swings.
6:30 "	Pops on Parade.
7:00 "	Beat the Champs.
7:30 "	Waltz Time.
8:00 "	CBC National News.
8:15 "	CBC News Roundup.
8:30 "	Trans English.
9:00 "	Toronto Symphony Concert.
10:00 "	Dream Time.
10:30 "	Prairie Schooner.
11:00 "	CBC News.
11:15 "	Northern Messenger.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

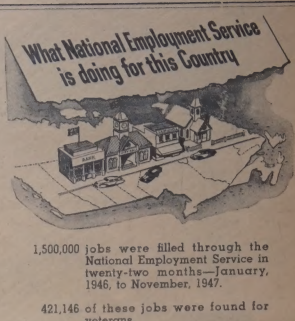
6:00 p.m.	Life of Riley.
6:30 "	Share the Wealth.
7:00 "	CBC National News.
7:05 "	NHL Hockey.
8:30 "	Organ Music.
8:45 "	This Week.
9:00 "	Red River Barn Dance.
9:30 "	Dance Orchestra.
10:00 "	Northern Lights.
10:30 "	Chamber Music.
11:00 "	CBC News.
11:15 "	Dance Orchestra.

SUNDAY, FEB. 29

6:00 p.m.	Bergen and McCarthy.
6:30 "	Fred Allen.
7:00 "	CBC National News.
7:10 "	The Old Songs.
7:30 "	Album of Familiar Music.
8:30 "	Stage 48.
9:00 "	The Reader Takes Over.
9:30 "	Music by Eric Wild.
10:00 "	Classics for Today.
10:30 "	Vesper Hour.
11:00 "	CBC News.
11:15 "	Mary Ann Mercer.
11:30 "	Prelude to Midnight.

Advertize in "The Delia Times"

What National Employment Service is doing for this Country



1,500,000 jobs were filled through the National Employment Service in twenty-two months—January, 1946, to November, 1947.

421,146 of these jobs were found for veterans.

5,534 more were found for persons in the higher earnings bracket through the Executive and Professional Division of the Service.

26,531 more of these placements were made through the Special Placements Division for physically handicapped workers—

204 for persons totally blind, 825 for persons totally deaf, and 53 for persons handicapped by double amputations.

Make full use of your local office of the National Employment Service.

Department of Labour

HUMPHREY MITCHELL, *Minister of Labour*
A. MacNAMARA, *Deputy Minister*

Dominion Bureau of Statistics

(Issued February, 1948).

Registrations of Births, Deaths and Marriages, December, 1947

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics issues today the number of registrations of births, deaths and marriages during the month of December, 1947, in the cities, towns and villages of Canada having a population of 10,000 and over.

This report is compiled from information submitted to the Bureau through the courtesy of the Provincial Divisions of Vital Statistics and the local registrars, and provides the current figures as an index of the incidence of births, deaths and marriages throughout the Dominion of Canada. It is nothing more than a count of the registrations filed during the month.

Births registered in these cities, towns and villages in December, numbered 13,922, deaths 6,654, and marriages 4,627, as compared with 14,445 births, 8,163 deaths, and 5,170 marriages in December last year, showing decreases of 8 and 11 per cent. respectively for births and marriages, and an increase of 10 per cent. for deaths.

Is a child's life worth more than a day of yours? The Canadian Appeal for Children asks you for one day's pay to save a child's life. Please make your donation now.

As long as material values are their yardstick, men won't measure up to their problems.

Popular Tenor

DONALD DAME, whose tenor voice is heard regularly on the "Album of Familiar Music" Sundays at 7:30 p.m. MST., on the CBC Trans-Canada network. Now widely known for his opera, concert and radio performances, he aspired to an operatic career while still a youngster. When the Metropolitan Opera played its annual engagements in his home city, Cleveland, Donald Dame was always there—doing menial jobs around the auditorium. So it was a happy day for him when he made his own "Met" debut—as a spear-bearer! His first singing roles with the company was 1943 in "Mignon."

Rules In Case of FIRES

1. Familiarize yourself with the location of windows and natural escapes.
2. Learn the position of all stairways, particularly the top landing and scuttle to the roof.
3. Keep the doors of rooms shut.
4. Wet a towel, stuff it in the mouth, breathe through it instead of nose, so as not to inhale smoke.
5. Never get excited, try to recall the means of exit.
6. If room fills with smoke keep close to floor and crawl along by the walls to the window.
7. NEVER go to roof, unless as a last resort and you know there is escape to adjoining buildings.
8. NEVER jump through flames in a building without covering the head with a blanket or heavy clothing.
9. Open windows from the top.

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